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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, convened in its EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION in Danville, Virginia, November 17th, 1875.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire, President.

The session of the Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by Bishop McTyeire.

The roll of the clerical and lay members was called* by P. A. Peterson, Assistant Secretary of the last session.

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson, S. S. Lambeth and Geo. C. Vanderslice, were elected Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, the daily hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

On motion of L. M. Lee, it was ordered that the Conference sit with open doors.

On motion of J. E. Edwards, the Presiding Elder of the Danville District and the pastors of the Methodist churches in Danville were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The following standing committees were appointed in accordance with the regulation of the Conference, viz :

ON EDUCATION.—Wm. McGee, J. N. Wilkinson, J. S. Hunter, T. B. M. Perkins, J. W. Bledsoe, Judge S. G. Staples, J. O. Moss, G. W. Redd, J. C. Watson, J. E. Sebrell, W. E. Edwards, G. M. Bain, Jr., J. D. Hank, W. T. Chandler, P. F. August, J. E. Brodwater, Wesley C. Vaden, Thos. Whitehead, R. N. Sledd, W. T. Davis.

*The Directory shows who were present during the session.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—B. F. Woodward, T. L. D. Walford, J. W. Hilldrup, Dr. B. M. Buckner, W. H. Christian, W. N. Shearer, J. W. Tucker, Dr. R. E. Bouldin, D. M. Wallace, W. W. Webb, John Bayley, T. B. Hamlin, W. G. Starr, A. S. Jordan, T. J. Bayton, S. B. McKinney, W. A. Crocker, W. E. Baker, J. M. Anderson, L. D. Travers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—W. G. Williams, Dr. G. Anderson, J. E. Gates, Jackson Guy, T. A. Ware, Richard Pollard, D. F. Hodges, C. C. Lee, T. M. Beckham, Dr. L. J. Rose, W. G. Lumpkin, H. D. Dickinson, J. L. Spencer, S. B. McKinney, John B. Laurens, Judge S. Downing, J. H. Amiss, Jas. Cannon, J. C. Martin, W. T. McMullan.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, Wm. B. Rowzie, A. G. Brown and Wm. H. Christian, were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

J. W. Davis was substituted for W. W. Webb on the Joint Board of Finance.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, J. W. Blincoe was appointed to receive subscriptions and collect moneys for the Nashville Publishing House.

Communications to the Conference from A. H. Redford and T. O. Summers were read by the Secretary; and a communication from the Book Agent, which was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from the Missionary Secretaries of the Parent Board at Nashville was received, read, and referred to the Mission Board of this Conference; a number of documents from the same source were referred to the same Board.

J. M. Anderson was appointed to make collections and solicit subscriptions for the *Southern Review*.

On motion of A. G. Brown, seconded by E. P. Wilson and P. A. Peterson, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, In the death of the Revs. Joseph Carson, Henry B. Cowles and L. J. Hansberger, this Conference, since its last session, has lost three of its most venerable, faithful and efficient members; and whereas, under this bereavement, so painful to us and to the Church they served so long and so efficiently, we desire not only to pay a just tribute to the memory of these dear brethren, but to take to our hearts and to impress upon others the useful lessons of this afflictive dispensation of Providence: Therefore

Resolved 1st, That on Tuesday, the 23d instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., we will hold in this room a *Memorial Service*, in which we cordially invite this community to unite, to commemorate the eminent virtues of these deceased brethren and fathers of our Conference.

Resolved 2d, That we earnestly request Bishop H. N. McTyeire to conduct the service, and to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion.

Resolved 3d, That the Committee on Memoirs be requested to present the biographical sketches of these brethren to be read on that occasion.

On motion of A. G. Brown, seconded by J. D. Blackwell, the following paper in regard to Rev. W. H. Wheelwright, a former member of this Conference, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We have been pained to hear of the severe affliction of our dear brother, Rev. W. H. Wheelwright, formerly a member of this Conference, but now a member of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and in both justly esteemed, as well for the ability and fidelity of his ministry as for the purity and strength of his christian character: Therefore

Resolved, That we assure Brother Wheelwright of our warmest sympathies in his very painful affliction and fervently pray that he may receive "*grace to endure as seeing Him who is invisible*;" and that, if it be the will of God, his disease may be healed and his life spared to his family, the Church, and the Commonwealth, and a blessing to all.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to furnish Bro. Wheelwright with a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

On motion, G. W. Nolley, Wm. E. Edwards, R. A. Armistead and J. N. Wilkinson, were appointed a Committee on the Bible Cause.

The first six benches were fixed as the bar of the Conference.

Conference took up "Minute Question 20," and proceeded to examine the characters of Elders; after which,

The Minutes were read and approved; and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop McTyeire.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 18, 1875.

The Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Jacob Manning.

The following resolution, offered by Jas. O. Moss and F. M. Edwards, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship be requested to set apart Monday evening next to be appropriated to special religious services, consisting in the relation of Christian experience and prayer to God for a more thorough consecration to his service.

Conference then resumed the examination of characters of Elders.

And it was ordered that G. W. Langhorne and John McClelland be placed on the superannuated list, and John J. Lafferty, W. H. Camper and Thos. H. Early be placed on the supernumerary list.

The President introduced to the Conference Rev. J. J. Ransom, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to Brazil, and Rev. A. T. Bledsoe, L.L. D., editor of the *Southern Review*.

In answer to question 6 of Discipline, Bishop McTyeire reported the following transfers to this Conference:

John L. Clarke, an Elder from the Baltimore Conference; F. J. Boggs, C. H. Boggs, and Wm. A. Laughon, Elders from the Southwest Missouri Conference; and J. W. Crider, an Elder from the South Carolina Conference.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by G. W. Nolley.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 19, 1875.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Joseph H. Davis.

On motion of Paul Whitehead, it was ordered that the further calling of the roll, from and after to-day, be dispensed with.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up, and Franklin C. Woodward, William H. Atwill, James H. Dalby, Charles D. Crawley, Benj. S. Herring and William J. Twilley, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" and question 9, "What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?" were taken up.

John H. Kabler, William R. Smithy, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patteson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, James H. Maynard and John T. Moore, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to Deacon's orders.

James H. Maynard was continued on trial.

It was reported to the Conference by his Presiding Elder, that Fred. Bickel, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, had withdrawn from the M. E. Church, South.

The peaceful death of W. E. Mitchell, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, was announced.

Wm. R. Cobb, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character; and Paul Whitehead moved that he be discontinued. B. F. Woodward moved, as a substitute, that he be continued on trial, and that the Conference request him to appear at the next session of this body, and be examined upon the studies necessary in order to admission into full connection, which motion was lost by a vote of 25 to 82. The question recurring on the original motion, L. M. Lee moved that the consideration of the whole case be postponed until Monday, which was carried.

Thomas H. Campbell, Richard J. Moorman and James E. Gates, who were admitted into full connection at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

P. H. Fishburn, who was transferred last year from the Kentucky Conference to this Conference, as of the class of the third year, passed in examination of character, and was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

W. H. Gregory, Lewis A. Guy and Christian Evers, who were advanced to the studies of the fourth year at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and W. H. Gregory and Lewis A. Guy were elected to Elders' orders.

On motion, the case of Christian Evers was postponed for the present.

James A. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, read a report of the condition of the College, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of L. M. Lee, the action of the Conference fixing the hour of daily meeting and adjournment was reconsidered; and it was ordered that the Conference meet daily at half past nine o'clock A. M., and adjourn at half past one o'clock P. M.

On motion of P. A. Peterson and Paul Whitehead, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, Since the last session of our Conference, we have been called to mourn the death of Brother D'Arcy Paul, of Petersburg, who was not only a leading layman of our Church in that city, but for a long series of years the efficient Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance and of the Missionary Society of our Conference, and also a representative from our Conference to every session of the General Conference held since the introduction of lay delegation into our Church; and, whereas, he was always conspicuous for devotion to the institutions and enterprises of our church in connection with this Conference: Therefore

Resolved, That William W. Duncan be requested to prepare a memoir of Bro. Paul to be read at the memorial service to be held next Tuesday, and also to be spread on the Journal of this Conference.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved, and then the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 20, 1875.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by F. J. Boggs.

Question 10, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was taken up.

E. C. Robinson, a local preacher of Amelia Circuit; E. D. Barnett, a local preacher of Cambridge Station; J. W. Parish, a local preacher of West Amherst Circuit; and W. W. Royall, a local preacher of West Point Station, were recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their respective charges as suitable persons to be ordained Deacons in the M. E. Church, South, passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to Deacon's orders.

Question 14, "What local preachers are elected Elders?" was taken up.

Wm. G. Clarke, a local deacon of Fluvanna Circuit; Jas. H. Barnes, a local deacon of Amelia Circuit; T. W. Rowlett, a local deacon of Amelia Circuit; and J. W. Syncoe, a local deacon of Wesley Chapel, Petersburg, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their respective charges as suitable persons to be ordained Elders in the Church of God, certified their belief in the doctrine and discipline of our Church, passed in examination of character, and were elected to Elders' orders accordingly.

Jas. L. Fisher of Monumental Station, Portsmouth, applied for recognition of his orders as Elder, he having been received as a local preacher from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Conference,

being satisfied of his being in orders and of his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, and also of his gifts, grace, and usefulness, and upon the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of said Station, do recognize him as an Elder in the M. E. Church, South.

Conference resumed the examination of the characters of Elders under Question 20 of Discipline; and it was ordered that J. A. Riddick be placed on the supernumerary list.

D. P. Wills, from the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Educational Fund Society of this Conference, made a report of the operations of the Society during the year past, which, with the resolutions appended, was adopted. [See Reports.]

A collection and subscription in aid of the Society was taken according to the third resolution.

J. H. Dawson, from the Board of Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, &c., made a report to the Conference, which was received; and on motion, so much of the same as refers to beneficiaries and "remaining assets" of the former Relief Society was referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

And on motion, Thos. Whitehead, W. T. Chandler and W. W. Webb were appointed a committee to recommend and carry out such steps as may be deemed needful to secure the rights of the Conference in the matter referred to in the third item of the report, viz: A bequest under the will of Miss L. Brown, dec'd., of Flemingsburg, Ky.

And on motion, John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Va.; Richard Irby, of Richmond, Va.; G. M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.; Wm. T. McMullan, of Hertford, N. C.; H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; Joseph E. Brodwater, of Accomac, Va.; J. H. Dawson of Norfolk, Va.; and Revs. F. M. Edwards and L. S. Reed, of the Virginia Conference, were elected Directors for the ensuing year of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, their families, their widows and orphans.

On motion, leave of absence for the remainder of the session after to-day was granted to J. E. Sebrell and Jas. W. Compton.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, J. W. Ames was substituted for S. B. McKinney on the Committee on Sunday schools.

A. C. Bledsoe and R. W. Watts offered a resolution respecting participation by ministers of our Church in political elections, which was laid on the table for the present.

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Missions of the Conference, reported that Geo. H. Ray and W. T. Chandler had been appointed to fill vacancies in that Board—which appointments were confirmed.

On motion, A. G. Brown was appointed to take charge of the matter of the bequest by Mr. Burroughs, of Princess Anne county, Va., to the Missionary Society of our Church, formerly committed to the late D'Arcy Paul.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 22, 1875.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by William J. Norfleet,

The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

The following ordinations were reported by the presiding Bishop: "On Sunday, November 21, in the Main-street Methodist church, after sermon at 11 o'clock A. M., I ordained the following traveling Deacons, viz: William R. Smithy, John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patteson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, James H. Maynard, John T. Moore; and at the same time and place the following local Deacons, viz: Alfred Stables, Edward D. Barnett, John Walker Parish, William W. Royall.

In the afternoon, in the Colored Methodist Church, (African M. E C.), I ordained, after sermon, as Deacon, Abram Carter, colored, who bore a certificate of election from this Conference at a former session.

Also at night, in Lynn-street Methodist church, after sermon by the Rev. John C. Granbery, D. D., I ordained the following persons to the order of Elder, being assisted by the Elders present, viz: Traveling Elders, Werter H. Gregory and Lewis A. Guy; Local Elders, William G. Clarke, John W. Syncoe and Elisha J. Eudaily.

[Signed]

H. N. McTYEIRE."

Minute Question 20 was resumed.

And it was ordered that William J. Norfleet be placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to D. M. Wallace.

Thomas Whitehead, from the committee appointed on Saturday to consider the matter of the bequest of Miss Leonora Brown, deceased, of Flemingsburg, Ky., made a report, which was adopted. [See Report.]

And on motion, Thomas Whitehead was appointed the committee of one recommended in the report to perform the duty there spoken of.

On motion, the resolution of James O. Moss, passed on Thursday, respecting a service on to-night for relation of religious experience, was reconsidered, and the resolution laid on the table.

The case of W. R. Cobb, laid over on Saturday, was taken up, and Leroy M. Lee moved as a substitute for the motion to discontinue him, that he be continued on trial, which was lost. The question recurring on the original motion of Paul Whitehead, that he be discontinued, it was amended by the addition of the words "on account of ill-health," and carried.

Minute Question No. 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up, and W. R. Smithy, John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John T. Patteson, Charles H. Green, H. M. Hope and John T. Moore, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, were examined before the Conference by the Bishop in accordance with the Discipline, and were severally admitted into full connection.

Question 5, "Who are re-admitted?" was taken up, and application was made by C. W. Petherbridge, a local elder of Trinity Station, Richmond; William Carter, a local elder of Boydton; J. A. Crowder, a local elder of Gates Circuit; Alex. Doniphan, a local elder of Isle of Wight Circuit, accompanied by proper recommendations from the Quarterly Conferences of those charges respectively.

The Conference re-admitted W. Carter and A. Doniphan, but rejected the applications of C. W. Petherbridge and J. A. Crowder.

A. G. Brown, Financial Secretary of Randolph Macon College, made a report of the financial condition and patronage of the College, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of W. B. Rowzie, J. D. Hank was added to the Committee on Memoirs to prepare a memoir of Brother William E. Mitchell.

The Minutes of this day's session were read and approved.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 23, 1875.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Robert Michaels.

Minute question 20 was resumed, and it was ordered that a certificate of location be granted to James F. Finnell, at his own request; and that Joseph E. Potts be placed on the supernumerary list.

Walter C. Taylor, a Deacon of this Conference, in ill-health, passed in examination of character, and, on motion, it was ordered that he be placed on the superannuated list.

On motion, it was ordered that the memorial service appointed for to-day at eleven o'clock A. M. be postponed until half past seven o'clock P. M., and that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet again at seven o'clock P. M.

On motion of Joseph A. Proctor and D. P. Wills, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

"Whereas, The Legislature of Virginia at its session of 1873-4 omitted to exempt parsonages, among other Church property, from taxation; and, whereas, the M. E. Church, South, owning more than one half of all the parsonages in the State, this omission falls much more heavily on that Church than on any other; and, whereas, it is well known that by this ownership of parsonages the Church is enabled the more easily to support its ministry; and, whereas, it seems to be the arrangement of Providence that this Church, more than any other, is charged with the duty of carrying the gospel, and thereby promoting the cause of religion and good morals among the masses of the people and in the poor and destitute regions of the State: Therefore

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Virginia Annual Conference, lay and clerical, most humbly, but earnestly, petition the Legislature of this State to assemble January, 1876, to exempt parsonages with this Church property from any taxation whatever."

Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman Benjamin T. Ames, William A. Robinson, Robert Michaels, Fielding A. Davis, James McAden, and George W. Nolley, Elders of this Conference, who were placed on the superannuated list at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames, William A. Robinson, Robert Michaels, James McAden and William Carter, be placed on the superannuated list.

The peaceful deaths of the following brethren, placed on the superannuated list at the last Conference, were announced, viz: of Henry B.

Cowles, on the 28th day of November, 1874; of L. J. Hansberger, on the 6th of December, 1874; and of Joseph Carson, on 15th April 1875.

John E. Edwards and George C. Vanderslice offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Virginia Annual Conference hereby approve of the action of the Quarterly Conference of the Washington-street Station, Petersburg, in paying over the net proceeds of the sale of the German chapel, in Petersburg, to Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, Superintendent of German Missions in our Conference, for the benefit of the German chapel in the city of Richmond."

Which was, on motion, referred to the following committee: William H. Christian, J. S. R. Clarke and Thomas Whitehead, that they may consider the subject referred to therein and make report to this Conference.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up.

Samuel A. Steel, a local preacher of Broad-street Station, Richmond; William W. Royal, a local preacher of West Point Station; Lewis B. Betty, a local preacher of Gloucester Circuit. John E. Deshazo, a local preacher of Henrico and Charles City Circuit; W. W. Lear, a local preacher of Albemarle Circuit; Paul Bradley, a local preacher of Liberty Station; were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges as suitable persons to be admitted into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

Robert H. Mullen, a local preacher of Nicholson Street-station, and James E. Bristow, a local preacher of Northampton Circuit, were recommended as suitable persons for admission on trial into the traveling connection, and passed in examination of character, but the Conference declined to admit them; and, on motion, the Presiding Elders were authorized to employ them if they deem it desirable.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session after to-day was granted to H. H. Gary.

And then the Conference adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION—7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Joseph H. Davis.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The memorial services appointed for the hour were begun by appropriate introductory remarks by Bishop McTyeire.

The Committee on Memoirs then reported memoirs of the deceased brethren, viz: Of Joseph Carson, read by A. G. Brown; of Henry B. Cowles, read by William B. Rowzie; of L. J. Hansberger, read by William H. Christian; and of William E. Mitchell, read by J. D. Hank.

The reading was accompanied by suitable and affecting remarks by brethren well acquainted with the subjects of the memoirs.

On motion, the report was adopted, and it was ordered that a copy of the memoirs of the brethren who died in full connection with the Conference be sent to the editor of Books for publication in the General Minutes.

The memoir of D'Arcy Paul, prepared according to resolution of Conference, was read by W. W. Duncan, and it was ordered that it be spread upon the Journal of the Conference.

And on motion of W. T. Davis,

“Resolved, That Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., be requested to prepare for publication a life of D'Arcy Paul in a form suited to our Sunday School libraries.”

And then, after uniting in prayer, led by J. E. Edwards, the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, November 24, 1875.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Davis P. Wills.

The Minutes of the last evening's session were read and approved.

Minute question 20 was resumed.

John Bayley, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read. On motion of L. M. Lee, the second resolution was amended by striking out the part beginning with “and whereas” and inserting the following: “We are gratified at the interest of our brethren of the Baltimore Conference in the *Richmond Christian Advocate*.”

On motion of J. O. Moss the third resolution was amended by striking out the word "while" and all that portion beginning with the word "yet," and then the report as amended was adopted as a whole.—[See Reports.]

George W. Nolley, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made a report. Rev. M. W. Staples, General Agent of the Virginia Bible Society, made a short address; and then the report was adopted.—[See Reports.]

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported the appropriations made by the Board of the funds in hand to the various claimants, which were confirmed, and furnished answers as follows to Minute questions 27 and 28:

Amount necessary for superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers.....	\$5,920
Collected on foregoing account.....	5,920
Applied to superannuated preachers	\$1,745
Applied to widows and orphans	4,175
	————— \$5,920

The statistics were reported in answer to Minute questions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26:—[See General Statistics.]

William H. Christian, from the special committee appointed on yesterday, made a report, which was adopted.—[See Reports.]

On motion, it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet again at half past 3 o'clock P. M.

W. G. Williams, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was, on motion of Paul Whitehead, amended by striking out of the 5th resolution the words, "but rejoice to believe that a man has been found to fill his place." Pending the further consideration of the report, the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION—HALF PAST 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by William A. Crocker.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Conference resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools; the remaining resolution (the 6th) was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.—[See Reports.]

Minute question 30 was answered by the Conference, selecting Richmond, Va., as the place for holding our next session.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session after to day was granted to Wm. A. Crocker, Wms. T. Davis, Thos. Whitehead, Jas. C. Martin, J. C. Reed.

And then, on motion, the Conference adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION—SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment.

John E. Edwards in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by E. M. Peterson.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

J. H. Dawson, from the Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Annual Conference, &c., submitted the annual report of the Society, and the funds appropriated by the Society at this time distributed.—[See Reports.]

James O. Moss, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted.—[See Reports.]

On motion of A. C. Bledsoe and J. J. Lafferty, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, This Conference has heard of the acceptance of professorships in institutions of learning by two of the prominent members of our body, viz: J. C. Granbery, D. D., and W. W. Duncan: Therefore

Resolved, 1. That while we do not challenge the wisdom of these brethren in changing their fields of labor, we do, however, deeply regret their absence from our ranks, where they were conspicuous for high talent in the pulpit, unswerving devotion to the Church, and great usefulness to the cause of Christ.

Resolved, 2. That we shall rejoice to have them attend the sessions of our Conference, and that we shall with glad and warm hearts welcome them again in the regular work in Virginia whenever it shall appear their duty to return to us.

Resolved, 3. That in the meanwhile they shall hold a firm place in our best affections, and that our earnest prayers for God's blessing upon them shall attend them to their new fields of labor.

A. G. Brown and W. W. Bennett, Trustees of the "Hall Fund," made a report of interest in their hands amounting to \$168.75, which was adopted, and the funds ordered to be paid to the Joint Board of Finance.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a financial report, which was adopted, and the funds distributed.

(James A. Duncan in the chair.)

On motion, it was ordered that Fielding A. Davis and Geo. W. Nolley be placed on the superannuated list, and Thos. P. Wise on the supernumerary list.

On motion of Thomas Whitehead,

Resolved, 1. That the Joint Board of Finance be authorized and directed to publish 3,000 copies of the Conference Minutes, and that Bro. P. A. Peterson be requested to prepare the pamphlet as heretofore.

Resolved, 2. That the Board be authorized to borrow money for the purpose of defraying the expense, and that the proceeds arising from the sale be paid to the Joint Board.

On motion of E. M. Peterson, the following resolutions were adopted :

1. That our thanks be and they are hereby tendered to the people of Danville for the cordial Christian hospitality with which they have entertained the members of the Conference.

2. That we recognize and appreciate the Christian courtesy exhibited by the congregations of other denominations whose pulpits we have been invited to fill.

3. That we return thanks to the various lines of public travel for the reduction of fare to the members of the Conference.

4. That our thanks be tendered to our presiding officer, Bishop H. N. McTyeire, for the urbane and courteous manner with which he has presided over the session of this Conference.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Secretaries for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Zachariah E. Harrison, formerly an Elder of this Conference, who was deprived of his credentials by expulsion, applied for restoration of the same, and produced the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Gordonsville Station; and the Conference, being satisfied of his amendment, ordered that his credentials be restored to him by the Secretary.

On motion of J. A. Proctor, Thomas Whitehead was appointed to take charge of and present to the Legislature of Virginia the resolution of this Conference petitioning for exemption of parsonages from taxation.

The Joint Board of Finance reported the apportionment to the several Districts of the Conference of the several collections to be raised during the ensuing year.

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Missions and Home Evangelization of this Conference, made a report of the operations of the Board during the year just ended, and the appropriations to the several Missions and weak charges for the ensuing year, and the apportionment to the various Districts.

The following were announced by the presiding Bishop to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year :

Oscar Littleton, Samuel D. Turner, Robert W. Watts, Edwin B. Brown, W. F. Bain, Richard Pollard, J. D. Southall, William A. Smith, James W. Blincoe, William W. Webb, Alexander G. Brown, L. L.

Marks, William G. Starr, William T. McMullan, Edward M. Peterson, George M. Bain, Jr., Joseph H. Davis, T. W. Garrett, James M. Anderson and L. D. Travers.

The Minutes of the evening's session were read and approved.

After religious services, conducted by John C. Granbery, the appointment of preachers to their respective stations were announced, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

H. N. McTYEIRE, PRESIDENT.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, Sec'y.

III.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1875-76.

		<i>Years.</i>
I.	RICHMOND DISTRICT	DAVIS P. WILLS, P. E. 3
1.	{ Trinity, Richmond.	Adam C. Bledsoe, 4
2.	{ Nicholson Street, Richmond... ..	Robert B. Beadles, 1
3.	Centenary, "	John E. Edwards, 4
4.	{ Broad Street, "	Samuel A. Steel, 1
5.	{ German Mission, "	Gotleib Meyer, 1
6.	Main Street "	George H. Ray, 1
7.	Oregon, "	George M. Wright, 1
8.	Clay Street, "	Peter A. Peterson, 1; J. J. Lafferty. Sup'y. 1
9.	Union, "	Henry C. Cheatham, 4
10.	Manchester, "	Geo. C. Vanderslice, 1
11.	Henrico and Charles City.....	Richard Ferguson, 1
12.	New Kent.....	Wm. P. Wright, 1; Thos. P. Wise, Sup'y. 1
13.	West Point.....	William W. Royall, 1
14.	Matthews.....	William G. Williams, 1
15.	Gloucester.....	Oscar Littleton, 2; Lewis B. Betty, 4
16.	{ Williamsburg.....	Herbert T. Bacon, 1
17.	{ Jamestown.....	James W. Connelly, 3
	Superintendent German Mission.....	Edward N. S. Blogg.
	Editor Richmond Christian Advocate.....	William W. Bennett.
	Professor in Vanderbilt University, Nashville.....	John C. Granbery.
II.	CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.....	JOSEPH A. PROCTOR, P. E. 3
18.	Charlottesville.....	James F. Twitty, 2
19.	Albemarle.....	Robert W. Watts, 3
20.	Louisa.....	Joshua S. Hunter, 2
21.	Scottsville.....	James E. Gates, 2
22.	Fluvanna.....	John W. Howard, 3
23.	Batesville.....	William W. Spain, 3
24.	Gordonsville.....	Peter F. August, 1
25.	Barboursville.....	To be supplied.
26.	Orange Circuit.....	Paul Bradley, 1; Wm. H. Camper, Sup'y.
27.	Culpeper Station.....	Richard J. Moorman, 2
28.	Culpeper Circuit.....	James F. Brannin, 1
29.	{ Rappahannock Circuit.....	John W. Hildrup, 1
30.	{ Rappahannock Mission.....	To be supplied.
31.	{ Madison.....	Francis J. Boggs, 1
32.	{ Piedmont.....	To be supplied by Geo. Baily.
33.	Greene.....	William E. Payne, 3

- III. LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.....JOHN D. BLACKWELL, P. E. 2
34. { Centenary, Lynchburg.....William H. Christian, 4
35. { Madison Mission.....To be supplied by L. F. Way.
36. Court Street, Lynchburg...Wm. E. Judkins, 4; Thos. H. Early, Sup'y.
37. Amherst.....Herbert M. Hope, 1
38. { West Amherst.....Henry C. Paulett, 1
39. { Amherst Mission.....To be supplied by J. W. Parrish.
40. BedfordEdgar H. Pritchett, 4
41. Jackson.....William Laughon, 1
42. South Bedford.....Milton L. Bishop, 1
43. { Bedford Springs.....Travis J. Taylor, 3
44. { Leesville.....To be supplied by R. A. Lee.
45. Liberty.....John L. Clarke, 1
46. Nelson.....Hartwell H. Gary, 2
47. Appomattox.....James E. McSparran, 2
48. { Campbell.....William F. Bain, 4
49. { South Campbell.....To be supplied by Elisha DeWitt.
50. Buckingham.....Charles H. Boggs, 1
51. Mount Pleasant.....Thomas H. Campbell, 1
52. Prospect.....Wesley C. Vaden, 2
- IV. DANVILLE DISTRICT.....JOHN M. SAUNDERS, P. E. 4
53. Main Street, Danville.....Samuel S. Lambeth, 4
54. Lynn Street, ".....James W. Bledsoe, 2
55. Charlotte.....Esmond A. Gibbs, 2
56. West Charlotte.....Benjamin S. Herring, 1
57. South of Dan.....John D. Southall, 2
58. Ringgold.....To be supplied by John H. Forbes.
59. Bannister.....P. H. Fishburn, 1
60. Pittsylvania.....David F. Hodges, 2
61. Franklin.....John W. Tucker, 2
62. East Franklin.....James A. Hughes, 1
63. Henry.....John W. Crider, 1
64. Patrick.....John E. Deshazo, 1
65. Dan River.....To be supplied by D. J. Traynham.
66. Halifax.....Henry C. Bowles, 2
- V. FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....FRANCIS M. EDWARDS, P. E. 4
67. Farmville.....Jacob Manning, 2
68. Prince Edward.....Charles E. Watts, 1
69. Lunenburg.....James O. Moss, 2
70. Boydton.....James Jamieson, 4
71. Clarksville.....James H. Maynard, 1
72. Boydton Circuit.....Wm. G. Lumpkin, 1
73. Mecklenburg.....Thomas M. Beckham, 4
74. Brunswick.....David M. Wallace, 4
75. West Brunswick.....Alexander Doniphan, 1
76. South Brunswick.....William R. Smithey, 1; J. T. Weaver, 1
77. Nottoway.....James W. Blincoe, 4
78. Amelia.....Charles H. Crawley, 2
79. Powhatan.....William H. Atwell, 1
80. Cumberland.....James R. Waggener, 3
81. Dennisville.....To be supplied.
- President Farmville College.....Paul Whitehead.

VI. PETERSBURG DISTRICT.....		LEROY M. LEE, P. E.	3
82.	{ Washington Street, Petersburg.....	Joseph H. Riddick.	1
83.	{ Blandford, ".....	To be supplied.	
84.	Wesley Chapel, ".....	Lewis A. Guy.	1
85.	Market-street, ".....	Robert N. Sledd.	4
86.	Hight-street and Battersea, ".....	Alexander G. Brown.	1
87.	Ettrick.....	John Bayley.	4
88.	Chesterfield.....	Alexander M. Hall.	1
89.	{ Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	William T. White.	2
90.	{ Chesterfield.....	To be supplied by James Bailey.	
91.	Dinwiddie.....	Joseph Lear.	1
92.	West Dinwiddie.....	John P. Woodward.	1
93.	Sussex.....	Joseph B. Merritt, 1; J. A. Riddick, Sup'y.	
94.	Hicksford.....	Wm. B. Rowzie.	4
95.	Prince George.....	Jacob H. Proctor.	4
96.	Surry.....	William E. Allen.	4
VII. MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....		BENJAMIN F. WOODWARD, P. E.	1
97.	Murfreesboro.....	Franklin C. Woodward.	2
98.	Northampton.....	Benjamin F. Tennille.	3
99.	Meherrin.....	James D. Lumsden.	2
100.	Bertie..	Robert N. Crooks.	1
101.	Edenton.....	William P. Jordan.	2
102.	Hertford.....	J. Carson Watson.	3
103.	Pasquotank.....	Joshua L. Garrett.	1
104.	Elizabeth City.....	James C. Martin.	2
105.	Suffolk.....	George E. Booker.	2
106.	Gates..	Thomas L. Williams.	4
107.	Southampton.....	James W. Compton.	1
108.	Chuckatuck.....	Charles E. Hobday.	2
109.	North Southampton.....	John N. Jones.	3
110.	Dare.....	To be supplied by James E. Bristow	
	President Wesleyan Female College.....	William G. Starr.	
VIII. NORFOLK DISTRICT.....		LEMUEL S. REED, P. E.	1
111.	Cumberland-street, Norfolk.....	E. M. Peterson.	2
112.	{ Granby-street, ".....	Wm. E. Edwards, 4; W. J. Norfleet, Sup'y.	
113.	{ City Mission ".....	Robert M. Saunders.	1
114.	Berkley.....	Wilbur F. Robins.	2
115.	Monumental, Portsmouth.....	J. Powell Garland.	4
116.	{ Central, ".....	Hezekiah P. Mitchell.	2
117.	{ Second-street ".....	James H. Crown.	3
118.	Norfolk Circuit.....	James C. Reed.	3
119.	South Norfolk Circuit.....	Edward M. Jordan.	1
120.	East Norfolk Circuit.....	John B. Dey.	1
121.	Indian Ridge.....	John Q. Rhodes.	2
122.	Princess Anne.....	Joseph J. Edwards.	1
123.	York.....	Benjamin C. Spiller.	1
124.	Hampton and Fox Hill.....	James L. Spencer.	2
125.	Smithfield and Benn's.....	Robert A. Compton.	2
126.	Isle of Wight.....	James T. Lumpkin.	1

IX. RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.....		EDWARD P. WILSON, P. E.	2
127.	Ashland.....	Joseph S. R. Clarke, 1; Joseph E. Potts, Sup'y.	
128.	Spottsylvania.....	William W. Lear.	1
129.	Caroline.....	Thomas J. Bayton.	1
130.	King George.....	Thomas H. Boggs.	4
131.	Westmoreland.....	Joseph H. Davis.	1
132.	Heathsville.....	Daniel G. C. Butts.	3
133.	Montross.....	John W. White.	2
134.	Lancaster.....	Alfred Wiles.	3
135.	Middlesex.....	Josiah D. Hank.	2
136.	King and Queen....	William A. Crocker.	1
137.	King William.....	Charles H. Green.	3
138.	Essex.....	William J. Twilley.	1
139.	Hanover.....	John B. Laurens.	2
140.	West Hanover.....	Robert A. Armistead.	1
141.	{ Goochland	John H. Kabler.	1
142.	{ West Goochland.....	To be supplied.	
	President Randolph Macon College	James A. Duncan.	
	Agent Randolph Macon College.....	Thomas A. Ware.	
	Sunday School Agent....	Leonidas Rosser.	
	Agent Virginia Bible Society	John G. Rowe.	

X. EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.....		WILLIAM MCGEE, P. E.	1
143.	Eastville	Lloyd Moore.	2
144.	Bell Haven.....	To be supplied.	
145.	Pungoteague	Beverly W. Daugherty.	2
146.	Onancock.....	Joseph H. Amiss.	2
147.	Atlantic.....	James M. Anderson.	3
148.	Wicomico.....	Charles C. Wertenbaker.	2
149.	Salisbury	John T. Moore.	1
150.	Berlin.....	Werter H. Gregory.	2
151.	Dorchester.....	Major S. Colonna.	4
152.	Dorchester Mission.....	James H. Dalby.	1
153.	Cambridge.....	John H. Patteson.	1

William W. Duncan transferred to the South Carolina Conference.

Christian Evers transferred to the German Mission Conference.

SUPERANUATED PREACHERS.

Benjamin T. Ames, William Carter, Fielding A. Davis, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Robert A. Gregory, George W. Langhorne, James McAden, John McClelland, Robert Michaels, Samuel T. Moorman, George W. Nolley, Wm. A. Robinson, Jacob Shough, Walter C Taylor, Benjamin M. Williams.

IV.
CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Adopted at the Session of 1874.

ARTICLE 1. There shall be a Board of Missions, or of Home Evangelization of the Virginia Annual Conference, who shall take charge of the Missions within the Conference.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of ten clerical and ten lay members, chosen by the Conference, and shall elect out of their own number, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any five of them may constitute a quorum.

ART. 3. The President or in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the absence of both, a chairman shall be chosen by the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep in a book a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board and prepare the regular Annual Report for the Annual Conference.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall keep charge of all the funds of the Board, and hold them subject to the order of the Board; and make an annual report of his receipts and disbursements to the Annual Conference.

ART. 6. The Board shall annually estimate the amount necessary for the assistance of Missions and feeble charges within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection.

ART. 7. Annual collections shall be taken up in every congregation for the objects of this Board.

ART. 8. The officers shall hold their positions until the first session of the Virginia Annual Conference after the next meeting of the General Conference, or until their successors shall be appointed.

ART. 9. The Board shall have authority to declare and fill vacancies in the Board, subject to the ratification of the Conference.

ART. 10. The Board shall hold a public meeting at each Annual Session of the Conference in the interest of the Missionary Cause as provided for in Article 13 of the Constitution of the General Board.

V.—GENERAL STATISTICS of the Virginia Annual Conference M. E. Church, South, November, 1875.

PASTORAL CHARGES,	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		No. of deaths.	ADDITIONS.		Infants Baptized.	SUND'Y SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					MONEY EXPENDED.	
		White.	Colored.		By Baptisms.	On profession of faith.		No. Schools.	No. officers & teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. volumes in Library.	Churches.		Parsonages.		Value of other church prop'y	For Sunday Schools.	For building and repairing Churches and Parsonages.
												Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.			
RICHMOND DISTRICT :																		
Trinity, Richmond.....	2	404	.....	5	5	6	11	1	46	280	800	1	\$48,000	.....	.....	\$3,000	\$200 00	\$1,100
Nicholson-St. ".....	1	78	.....	2	3	3	2	1	8	80	.....	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....
Centenary, ".....	1	350	.....	4	3	24	3	1	54	297	552	1	35,000	.....	.....	300	384 00	24,000
Broad-Street, ".....	2	324	1	4	.....	13	8	1	38	175	1000	1	50,000	.....	.....	500	240 00	4,500
German Miss'n, ".....	.....	23	.....	3	.....	3	4	1	11	72	.....	1	5,000	.....	.....	150	46 00	7
Sidney, ".....	.....	155	.....	5	.....	5	10	1	26	130	547	1	3,500	.....	.....	4,200	150 00	.....
Oregon, ".....	.....	140	.....	4	3	19	2	1	24	190	650	1	3,000	.....	.....	150	148 00	.....
Clay-Street, ".....	2	425	.....	2	9	10	10	2	45	301	800	1	15,000	.....	.....	700	250 00	550
Union, ".....	3	418	.....	7	23	32	2	1	38	260	300	1	15,000	1	\$ 3,200	600	120 00	414
Manchester.....	.....	316	.....	4	24	44	9	2	35	218	600	1	15,000	.....	.....	400	269 00	.....
Henrico and Charles City.....	2	511	1	9	31	25	8	7	101	466	1072	6	10,000	1	1,500	150	149 00	901
New Kent.....	1	285	2	3	6	9	15	5	60	180	650	7	4,000	.....	.....	.....	19 00	15
West Point... ..	1	31	.....	.....	2	5	.....	1	7	56	100	1	1,000	.....	.....	20	20 00	.....
King William.....	1	268	2	2	14	2	4	3	20	144	445	3	1,800	.....	.....	15	20 00	.....
Matthews.....	1	850	1	4	3	10	9	7	100	550	650	6	5,000	1	1,000	5	75 00	60
Gloucester.....	1	926	1	7	19	40	37	9	99	552	880	5	8,000	1	1,200	300	175 00	900
Williamsburg Circuit.....	137	4	11	19	4	17	120	160	4	4,500	105 00	67
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CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT :																		
Charlottesville.....	1	208	3	12	13	1	1	24	190	800	1	\$8,000	1	\$4,000	\$1,100	\$227 00	5
Albemarle.....	.....	570	5	10	102	144	12	6	30	350	500	8	8,000	1	2,000	400	.....	19
Madison.....	3	392	4	5	12	14	1	8	40	240	450	8	10,000	1	1,000	125	100 00	100
Louisa.....	2	497	3	7	22	12	2	9	64	337	310	7	11,000	1	2,000	.....	462 00	100
Scottsville.....	2	444	8	6	31	45	6	8	61	364	480	7	4,300	.....	.....	.....	17 00	125
Fluvanna.....	4	598	42	2	32	40	.....	7	51	341	615	10	5,000	1	600	300	30 00	50
Batesville.....	1	550	6	1	25	40	8	7	70	350	400	5	5,000	.....	.....	200	150 00	30
Gordonville.....	2	60	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1	10	52	200	1	6,000	.....	.....	200	40 00	.....
Orange Circuit.....	1	223	.....	2	10	7	.....	5	45	250	600	5	4,500	.....	.....	.....	28 00	34
Greene.....	.....	323	2	.....	36	3	2	6	25	280	1000	5	3,500	1	1,000	75	3 00	4
Goocnland.....	.....	354	.....	2	28	47	2	5	34	298	810	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00	.....
West Hanover.....	1	326	10	4	1	4	41	225	342	4	2,000
Piedmont.....	1	400	1	90	10	5	20	150	200	2	800	10 00	30
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NORFOLK DISTRICT:

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Cumberland-Street, Norfolk.....	3	480	5	5	15	23	2	51	320	550	1	\$20,500	1	\$4,500	\$	500	\$	250 00	\$	175
Granby-Street, ".....	.....	378	.....	1	2	9	11	1	51	298	600	1	30,000	.....	.....	550	550 00	.....	1,300	.....	.....
Berkley.....	.....	98	.....	2	1	5	12	1	18	106	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monumental, Portsmouth.....	3	432	.....	7	14	46	15	1	53	265	600	2	25,000	.....	.....	1,500	150 00	.....	3,000	.....	.....
Central, ".....	1	220	.....	4	20	17	15	1	36	250	500	1	14,000	.....	.....	600	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second-Street, ".....	1	106	.....	4	.....	.....	10	1	28	127	200	1	2,500	.....	.....	100	99 00	.....	20	.....	.....
Norfolk Circuit.....	.....	220	.....	30	5	5	5	5	36	198	600	5	5,500	1	1,800	.....	164 00	.....	517	.....	.....
East Norfolk Circuit.....	.....	161	.....	3	.....	4	21	2	18	80	400	3	7,000	.....	.....	100	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Norfolk Circuit.....	3	575	.....	8	10	31	20	7	60	450	1000	7	9,000	.....	.....	225	125 00	.....	1,335	.....	.....
Indian Ridge.....	3	675	.....	5	100	30	15	9	82	500	800	8	7,500	.....	.....	20	75 00	.....	600	.....	.....
Princess Anne.....	5	884	.....	10	8	60	61	11	127	560	1657	9	10,000	1	1,600	250	30 00	.....	150	.....	.....
York.....	1	521	1	8	5	15	70	4	69	302	611	4	2,700	1	1,250	.....	66 00	.....	217	.....	.....
Hampton.....	.....	204	.....	3	3	5	17	2	32	147	463	2	3,500	.....	.....	1,250	87 00	.....	500	.....	.....
Smithfield.....	1	294	.....	3	47	65	5	2	37	185	540	2	6,500	.....	.....	500	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Isle of Wight.....	1	210	.....	3	18	26	1	3	27	157	200	4	5,000	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	680	.....	.....
	22	5458	1	66	263	333	301	52	705	3945	9321	50	\$148,700	4	\$9,150	\$5,595	\$	1,761 00	\$	\$8,494	

GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		No. of deaths.	ADDITIONS.		Infants Baptized.	SUND'Y SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					MONEY EXPENDED.	
		White.	Colored.		By Baptism.	On Profession of Faith.		No. Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of other church prop'y	For Sunday Schools.	For building and repairing Churches and Parsonages.		
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT:																		
Rappahannock.....	...	395	6	2	50	66	6	4	40	150	620	5	\$12,800	1	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$ 77	\$8,000
Culpeper Station.....	...	88	.....	.....	18	24	3	1	7	73	100	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	25	25
Culpeper Circuit.....	2	293	1	1	6	6	4	6	43	179	650	3	2,000	.....	.....	.....	15	50
Spottsylvania.....	2	145	.....	.....	4	5	.....	2	15	70	150	5	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	39
Caroline.....	1	417	.....	6	13	17	2	7	59	391	504	7	9,000	.....	.....	100	61	440
King George.....	...	423	1	6	26	4	5	5	53	279	1,200	4	8,000	.....	.....	120	30	110
Westmoreland.....	2	480	4	9	26	53	10	5	74	367	1,000	5	10,000	.....	.....	150	50	675
Heathsville.....	5	515	.....	9	46	13	15	5	63	363	300	3	5,500	1	900	300	50	144
Montross.....	...	173	12	4	5	1	6	3	23	150	180	3	2,000	.....	.....	.....	45	10
Laneaster.....	3	433	.....	7	21	17	8	7	101	420	800	4	10,200	1	1,400	120	93	1,500
Middlesex.....	1	394	.....	3	2	1	7	7	68	375	450	6	6,000	1	1,400	.....	75	255
King and Queen.....	1	450	.....	6	3	1	3	4	32	246	500	5	8,000	1	1,000	.....	20	323
Logan Mission.....	1	110	.....	2	12	3	.....	1	8	42	150	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	7	50
Hanover.....	...	341	1	1	9	10	4	4	47	254	700	4	4,400	.....	.....	830	120	350
Ashland.....	13	285	1	.....	8	6	1	2	31	187	375	1	500	.....	.....	.....	160	.....
PETERSBURG DISTRICT:																		
Washington Street, Petersburg.....	2	552	.....	12	24	30	42	1	49	361	800	1	\$25,000	1	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$457	\$ 275
Blandford, ".....	...	35	.....	.....	3	3	3	1	15	60	300	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	60	250
Wesley Chapel, ".....	3	130	.....	3	8	21	15	1	13	120	300	1	1,200	.....	.....	600	59	.....
Market Street, ".....	2	328	.....	4	5	11	26	1	40	172	675	1	30,000	1	4,900	3,500	421	1,000
High St. and Battersea, ".....	1	525	.....	10	65	127	62	2	41	272	800	2	10,000	.....	.....	400	120	175
Ettricks.....	...	170	.....	2	8	4	.....	1	30	151	173	1	1,700	.....	.....	.....	188	126
Chesterfield.....	4	521	1	13	8	10	10	6	51	236	838	8	5,000	.....	.....	1,050	41	.....
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	2	316	....	2	20	22	1	4	40	240	100	7	2,500	.....	.....	.....	25	250
Chesterfield Mission.....	...	15	.....	.....	7	10	.....	2	11	55	95	2	200	.....	.....	.....	14	.....
Dinwiddie.....	...	352	.....	11	1	22	11	7	64	257	213	8	4,900	.....	.....	.....	15	130
West Dinwiddie.....	1	328	.....	3	.....	11	3	5	46	205	350	6	6,500	.....	.....	130	15	.....
Sussex.....	2	524	1	9	50	90	18	9	88	287	568	10	5,900	.....	.....	250	37	270
Hicksford.....	1	156	.....	2	6	9	1	4	16	82	.....	4	2,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince George.....	...	361	1	7	15	40	37	6	62	300	500	6	6,175	.....	.....	100	125	.....
Surry.....	1	320	.....	3	15	30	.....	6	40	220	300	7	6,000	.....	.....	50	125	800
	19	4,633	3	81	235	440	229	56	606	3018	6,012	65	\$108,375	2	\$9,000	\$9,080	\$1,702	\$3,276

FARMVILLE DISTRICT:

Farmville.....	127	1	5	14	4	1	16	93	300	1	\$ 6,000	2	\$5,500	\$ 100	\$ 14	
Mount Pleasant.....	128	2			2	1	6	33	25	2	3,000					
Lunenburg.....	500	1	5	30	50	2	7	72	204	6	6,500			150	28	
Lewiston.....	327	5	3	30	17	10	5	47	202	5	4,500			150	50	\$ 200
Boydton.....	58			3	10	6	1	14	56	1	3,300			300	25	
Clarkesville.....	50	1			2	2	2	12	67	2	2,250			96	14	61
Boydton Circuit.....	274	7	5	1	7	1	3	30	140	5	3,500			150	57	
Mecklenburg.....	805		12	25	10	10	8	55	350	9	6,575	1	1,600		75	75
Brunswick.....	803		28	30	35	10	12	90	521	11	11,000	1	900	450	87	80
Nottoway.....	505		6	15	38	7	4	67	180	5	12,500	1	2,500	400		1,800
Amelia.....	385	16	13	37	29	4	4	57	314	6	5,000	1	2,000		127	283
Powhatan.....	132		1	4	2	5	4	28	105	4	4,500				20	50
Cumberland.....	141	2	3	5	19	32	2	19	96	1	2,000	1	1,000		30	300
South Brunswick.....	392		4	9	6	5	5	57	255	6	3,900			280	20	375

DANVILLE DISTRICT:

Main Street, Danville.....	2	227	2	4	6	6	1	16	180	400	1	\$20,000	1	\$ 5,000	\$2,500	\$125	\$5,000
Lynn Street, ".....	1	205	4	17	8	12	1	24	190	500	1	15,000	1	4,000	2,000	375	580
Charlotte.....	1	298	1	2	17	6	1	6	53	233	6	6,000				35	100
West Charlotte.....	1	127	1	6	5	3		3	27	116	4	1,100				17	
South of Dan.....	3	460	1	6	13	12	5	7	67	313	6	5,100	1	1,200		33	1,000
Ringgold.....		97		1	4	1		2	11	70	2	800			5		
Bannister.....	3	320	5	6	15	5		6	38	200	5	3,000				37	40
Pittsylvania.....	2	420	3	4	73	4	1	9	85	475	8	7,000	1	800		100	1,700
Franklin.....	1	376		4	23	6	1	5	30	250	8	5,000	1	1,200		10	120
East Franklin.....	1	308	8	1	14	6	1	3	10	120	4	4,000				2	
Henry.....		308		4	10	11		8	28	530	6	7,500	1	1,500		24	5
Patrick.....		148	12	1	2			5	32	159	3	2,500			325	12	
Dan River.....	1	142	12		9	1		1	8	60	6	1,200				4	
Halifax.....		432		9	29	46	1	4	35	185	5	3,500	1	1,500		25	143

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT:

Eastville.....	1	293	3	18	26	4	4	59	278	400	4	\$ 6,000			\$ 300	\$ 35	\$ 200
Bell Haven.....	2	65	1	6			2	15	70		2	600					
Pungoteague.....	2	502	3	20	85	12	4	60	400	825	4	10,000			450	225	785
Onancock.....		358	3	27	33	21	4	50	334	1,193	4	5,200	1	1,800	325	105	1,500
Atlantic.....	1	384	4	3	8	6	4	35	230	310	4	7,600	1	2,000		115	853
Pocomoke.....		156	5		7		2	23	160	175	2	2,200				8	400
Wicomico.....	1	225	3	5	34	11	3	27	127	300	2	2,000	1	500	125	45	
Salisbury.....		76		1	12	11	1	11	60	350	1	5,000			300	30	
Berlin.....	3	150			26	28	4	30	150	575	4	4,000				20	190
Dorchester.....	1	335	4		24	36	5	50	300	600	4	11,000	1	2,000	200	45	
Cambridge.....	2	83	1	1	9		1	15	103	250	1	1,000			200	40	
	13	2,627	27	81	264	129	34	375	2212	4,978	32	\$54,600	4	\$6,300	\$1,900	\$668	\$3,928

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		White.	Colored.		By Baptism.	On Profession of Faith.		No. Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Churches.		Parsonages.		Value of other church prop'y	For Sunday Schools.	For building and repairing Churches and Parsonages.
												Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.			
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT:																		
Murfreesboro.....	2	144	.....	4	42	28	7	2	24	225	200	1	\$ 4,000	.....	\$ 200	\$ 80 00	\$ 72	
Northampton.....	2	648	4	6	45	17	27	7	59	376	200	6	10,500	.....	.....	50 00	636	
Meherrin.....	5	444	2	6	13	24	16	7	59	277	50	6	5,500	.....	.....	40 00	.....
Bertie.....	2	421	1	7	4	8	3	7	53	229	460	7	4,800	1	600	850	36 00	200
Edenton.....	2	45	1	1	1	.....	3	1	6	10	400	2	6,000	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Hertford.....	3	686	1	13	50	36	38	10	124	577	850	7	10,000	1	1,700	.....	92 00	200
Pasquotank.....	2	819	.....	15	81	44	10	8	103	469	1020	10	8,000	.....	150	75 00	25	
Elizabeth City.....	1	234	.....	3	40	65	9	1	40	214	600	1	12,000	.....	1,000	150 00	.....
Suffolk.....	2	190	.....	3	3	11	2	1	25	121	700	1	6,000	.....	1,000	125 00	175	
Gates.....	2	880	.....	14	43	22	23	10	100	466	523	10	10,000	1	1,500	250	7 00	23
Southampton.....	1	457	.....	.....	4	3	.....	4	35	200	350	6	4,000	1	1,500	.....	35 00	1,000
Chuckatuck.....	.....	215	.....	3	7	11	.....	5	56	181	498	5	6,000	.....	407	7 00	125	
North-Southampton.....	1	342	1	2	18	20	9	4	30	200	200	5	5,000	1	1,500	250	20 00	645
Dare.....	1	374	4	9	13	8	20	5	56	208	150	6	3,350	.....	.....	3 00	600	
	20	5899	14	86	364	297	167	72	770	3753	6201	73	\$95,150	5	\$6,800	\$4,107	\$722,00	\$3,701

RECAPITULATION—By DISTRICTS.

Richmond District.....	18	5,641	8	69	146	269	134	48	729	4,069	9,206	42	225,300	4	6,900	10,490	2,376 00 32,514
Charlottesville District.....	18	4,945	70	50	404	375	37	72	515	3,427	6,707	63	68,100	6	10,609	2,400	1,099 00 488
Lynchburg District.....	15	5,532	16	53	303	322	123	78	686	4,026	6,185	76	103,650	7	16,200	10,795	879 00 4,861
Danville District.....	16	3,868	43	50	235	115	28	61	464	3,081	4,242	65	81,700	7	15,200	4,830	799 00 8,688
Farmville District.....	17	4,637	32	83	194	239	100	59	570	2,610	5,899	64	74,525	7	13,500	2,075	547 00 3,224
Petersburg District.....	19	4,633	3	81	235	440	229	56	606	3,018	6,012	65	108,375	2	9,000	9,080	1,702 00 3,276
Murfreesboro District.....	20	5,899	14	86	364	297	167	72	770	3,753	6,201	73	95,150	5	6,800	4,107	722 00 3,701
Norfolk District.....	22	5,458	1	66	263	333	301	52	705	3,945	9,321	50	148,700	4	9,150	5,595	1,761 00 8,494
Randolph Macon District.....	31	4,942	16	56	249	227	74	63	664	3,546	7,679	58	85,900	5	5,600	1,920	828 00 4,971
Eastern Shore District.....	13	2,627	.....	27	81	264	129	34	375	2,212	4,978	32	54,600	4	6,300	1,900	668 00 3,928
Total.....	189	48,082	213	621	2,474	2,881	1322	595	6084	33,687	66,430	588	\$1,046,000	51	\$99,250	\$53,193	\$11,381 \$81,145

VI.—FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR 1874-5.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLLT.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		R. M. COLLEGE COLLECT'N.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
						Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
RICHMOND DISTRICT.	\$1,662 00	\$1,471 00	\$191 00										
Trinity—Richmond.....	2,200 00	2,200 00	.....	\$124 60	\$124 60	.....	\$80 25	.....	\$66 90	\$26 48	\$26 48	\$46 72	\$46 72
Nicholson St., "	400 00	405 00	.....	8 10	8 10	.....	3 35	.....	2 25	1 72	1 72	3 05	3 05
Centenary, "	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....	124 60	125 00	.....	109 67	.....	164 20	26 47	27 00	46 73	46 73
Broad Street, "	2,375 00	2,375 00	.....	124 60	125 60	.....	110 00	.....	190 93	26 48	26 48	46 72	46 72
German Miss. "	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Sidney, "	800 00	800 00	.....	10 80	11 00	.....	13 51	.....	5 00	2 30	2 50	4 05	4 05
Oregon, "	550 00	550 00	.....	10 80	10 80	.....	6 50	.....	7 04	1 72	1 72	4 05	4 05
Clay Street, "	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	67 40	80 20	.....	100 00	.....	50 00	14 32	15 00	25 27	25 65
Union, "	1,510 00	1,510 00	.....	94 35	94 35	.....	77 20	.....	25 00	20 05	20 05	35 35	22 11
Manchester.....	1,200 00	1,035 79	164 21	50 50	50 50	.....	37 00	.....	67 50	10 50	10 50	19 00	19 00
Henrico and Charles City.....	860 00	860 00	.....	91 00	40 70	.....	14 00	.....	65 79	19 33	19 33	34 12	8 00
New Kent.....	400 00	301 63	98 37	54 00	25 00	.....	9 25	.....	10 10	11 47	5 25	20 25	9 25
King William.....	300 00	300 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	40 00	.....	26 40	7 86	7 86	13 88	13 88
West Point.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mathews (2 preachers).....	1,166 00	687 65	478 35	172 75	26 90	.....	32 50	.....	25 82	36 71	7 15	64 78	8 00
Gloucester (2 preachers).....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	136 00	136 00	.....	169 41	.....	101 64	28 90	28 90	51 00	51 00
Williamsburg Circuit.....	450 00	231 00	219 00	13 50	3 27	.....	8 00	.....	8 16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$19,123 00	\$17,977 07	\$1,150 93	\$1,120 00	\$901 02	\$1,050 00	\$825 04	\$630 00	\$818 73	\$238 00	\$201 94	\$420 00	\$310 21
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.	1,450 00	1,375 00	75 00										
Charlottesville.....	1,000 00	870 72	129 28	55 63	48 06	52 16	45 56	31 25	27 77	11 80	10 36	20 86	18 25
Albemarle (2 preachers).....	1,019 50	1,019 00	.....	88 35	70 50	82 80	60 00	49 60	35 00	18 80	18 80	33 13	25 00
Madison.....	750 00	.....	.....	88 00	50 00	82 34	40 00	49 60	40 50	18 80	14 00	29 45	24 00
Louisa.....	850 00	850 00	.....	78 53	52 00	73 63	25 20	44 15	40 00	16 80	16 80	18 40	26 00
Scottsville.....	700 00	700 00	.....	49 00	49 00	46 02	46 02	27 50	27 50	10 30	10 30	20 86	18 40
Fluvanna.....	600 00	516 00	84 00	55 63	16 07	52 16	51 95	31 25	.....	11 80	11 80	25 00	.....
Batesville.....	600 00	400 00	200 00	70 00	30 00	40 00	20 00	60 00	38 00	15 00	12 00	9 85	13 60
Gordonsville.....	467 00	295 35	171 65	26 18	7 33	24 55	7 90	14 65	4 35	5 60	1 66	24 55	2 92
Orange Circuit.....	275 00	241 35	33 65	65 44	20 00	61 36	25 69	36 75	21 10	14 00	8 00	22 10	9 00
Greene.....	600 00	600 00	.....	58 90	38 00	55 25	55 25	33 10	28 00	12 60	12 60	18 40	18 00
Goochland.....	500 00	324 36	175 64	49 00	13 25	46 02	5 00	27 50	20 50	10 30	8 00	.....	6 25
West Hanover.....	325 00	291 00	34 00	.....	10 75	.....	20 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Piedmont.....	150 00	115 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$9,286 50	\$8,348 28	\$938 22	\$720 00	\$404 96	\$675 00	\$402 48	\$405 00	\$292 72	\$153 00	\$124 32	\$270 00	\$171 42

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR 1874-5.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLLT.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		R. M. COLLEGE COLLECT'N.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
						Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.	1,649 00	1,273 66	375 34										
Centenary—Lynchburg	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	87 00	87 00	78 13	\$78 13	46 87	83 86	14 00	14 00	35 75	35 75
City Mission, "	300 00	300 00	.....				10 57						
Court Street, "	2,100 00	2,100 00	.....	100 00	130 89	91 25	253 54	54 75	200 00	19 00	30 00	41 65	53 46
Amherst	769 00	507 82	261 18	57 00	34 00	52 08	22 00	31 25	22 96	11 60	8 31	23 80	12 50
West Amherst.....	760 00	500 00	260 00	45 00	17 20	45 31	17 25	27 19	10 40	8 80	3 45	7 80	7 80
Amherst Mission.....	132 74	132 74	.....									
Bedford	832 00	822 70	9 30	87 50	39 25	70 82	8 10	42 51	75 00	14 80	7 23	23 80	9 75
Jackson	260 00	225 00	35 00	10 00	7 38	15 63	13 00	9 37	12 00				
South Bedford.....	506 00	246 00	259 59	34 00	5 25	32 50	5 25	19 50	10 00	10 40	2 00	23 00	19 02
Bedford Springs.....	650 00	562 00	88 00	62 00	55 00	65 00	12 00	39 00	39 00	13 00	13 00	29 00	25 00
Liberty	140 00	140 00	.....		14 12						2 83		
Nelson	600 00	394 02	205 98	67 00	32 36	65 10	52 09	39 07	52 08	14 35	14 35	29 75	100 00
Appomattox.....	600 00	519 40	80 60	71 00	16 22	65 10	19 72	39 07	45 52	25 80	1 39	16 50	
Campbell.....	1,150 00	827 36	322 64	79 00	51 50	71 68	80 25	42 90	50 00	15 80	17 75	32 73	14 00
Leesville.....	300 00	150 00	150 00										
Buckingham.....	1,000 00	502 42	497 58	27 50	20 00	26 00	5 05	15 65	15 65	5 80	5 80	11 90	
Prospect.....	858 00	775 14	82 86	58 00	48 00	52 08	35 00	31 25	25 00	11 50	8 00	23 80	12 15
Total.....	\$14,006 74	\$11,378 67	\$2,627 97	\$800 00	\$558 17	\$750 00	\$611 95	\$450 00	\$641 47	\$170 00	\$128 11	\$300 00	\$289 43
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.	1,300 00	1,083 19	216 81										
Rappahannock.....	770 00	770 00	.....	38 77	38 77	36 34	36 34	21 80	21 80	8 24	8 24	14 60	14 60
Culpeper Station.....	475 00	475 00	.....	12 06	12 66	11 30	11 60	6 78	7 08	2 56	3 16	4 52	5 86
Culpeper Circuit.....	520 00	335 89	184 11	34 46	25 00	32 30	13 90	19 38	75 35	7 32	5 50	12 92	9 50
Spotsylvania.....	150 00	105 23	44 77	17 20	17 20	16 15	6 50	9 69	9 69	3 66	3 66	6 46	6 46
Caroline.....	700 00	469 00	231 00	47 38	17 55	44 42	18 20	26 25	21 67	10 07	6 43	17 76	17 01
King George.....	700 00	587 14	112 86	51 75	52 90	48 45	52 50	29 07	30 15	11 00	11 45	19 40	19 75
Westmoreland.....	810 00	534 00	276 00	58 15	30 00	54 55	25 00	32 75	75 00	12 36	10 00	21 80	15 00
Heathsville	600 00	557 70	42 30	48 24	48 25	45 25	30 03	27 15	38 25	10 25	10 25	18 10	18 10
Montross.....	245 00	236 00	9 00	17 25	18 25	16 16	16 16	9 69	10 69	3 66	4 16	6 46	7 20
Lancaster.....	880 00	745 24	134 76	64 60	64 60	60 88	44 65	36 34	26 80	13 72	13 12	24 20	17 83
Middlesex.....	750 00	750 00	.....	47 38	40 00	44 42	33 15	26 55	20 00	10 07	10 10		
King and Queen.....	700 00	588 80	111 20	47 38	31 58	44 42	30 93	26 65	39 60	10 07	6 70	17 76	11 84
Logan Mission.....	125 00	125 00	.....	10 77	10 77	10 10	12 60	6 06	6 88	2 30	2 30	4 04	4 04
Hanover.....	945 00	788 01	156 90	34 35	34 35	32 20	20 53	19 32	51 06	7 28	7 28	12 88	12 88
Ashland.....	550 00	491 25	58 75	30 15	33 25	28 27	41 13	16 96	53 25	6 40	7 00	11 30	30 00
Total.....	\$10,220 00	\$8,641 45	\$1,578 55	\$560 00	\$475 13	\$525 00	\$393 22	\$315 00	\$487 27	\$119 00	\$109 35	\$210 00	\$190 07

PETERSBURG DISTRICT.			
Washington Street—Petersburg.	1,300 00	1,051 28	258 72
Wesley Chapel	2,500 00	2,500 00	
Market Street,	400 00	400 00	
High St. and Battersea.	2,450 00	2,450 00	
Ettrick.....	1,500 00	1,243 25	256 75
Chesterfield.....	250 00	250 00	
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	695 00	646 86	48 14
Dinwiddie.....	600 00	386 69	213 31
West Dinwiddie.....	724 00	529 88	194 12
Sussex (2 preachers).....	655 00	536 68	118 32
Hicksford.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	
Prince George.....	425 00	330 10	94 90
Surry.....	600 00	560 55	39 45
	800 00	402 32	397 68
Total.....	\$14,049 00	\$12,437 61	\$1,611 39
DANVILLE DISTRICT.			
Main Street.....	1,220 00	923 00	297 00
Lynn Street.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Charlotte.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	
West Charlotte.....	800 00	406 22	393 78
South of Dan.....	200 00	166 17	33 83
Ringgold.....	1,125 00	905 04	219 96
Bannister.....	115 00	90 47	24 53
Pittsylvania.....	375 00	170 86	204 14
Franklin.....	650 00	529 16	120 84
East Franklin.....	500 00	394 21	105 79
Henry.....	275 00	172 75	102 25
Patrick.....	600 00	351 25	248 75
Dan River.....	200 00	176 08	23 92
Halifax.....	125 00	125 00	
	600 00	513 00	87 00
Total.....	\$10,485 00	\$8,623 21	\$1,861 79
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.			
Eastville.....	850 00	800 00	50 00
Bell Haven.....	900 00	775 00	125 00
Pungoteague.....	150 00	114 65	35 35
Onancock.....	850 00	850 00	
Atlantic.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Pocomoke.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Wicomico.....	200 00	200 00	
Salisbury.....	350 00	321 42	28 58
Berlin.....	600 00	600 00	
Dorchester.....	300 00	271 34	28 66
Cambridge.....	1,100 00	1,000 00	100 00
	500 00	500 00	
Total.....	\$7,800 00	\$7,432 41	\$367 59

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLLT.		MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				BISHOP'S FUND.		R. M. COLLEGE COLLECT'N.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
						Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.	1,400 00	1,196 19	203 81										
Farmville.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	57 15	57 15	53 58	54 34	32 15	32 15	12 15	12 15	21 42	40 00
Mount Pleasant.....	300 00	160 00	140 00	40 00	10 00	37 51	10 50	22 51	16 00	8 51	8 51	15 08	11 50
Lunenburg.....	950 00	750 00	200 00	74 29	35 00	69 64	20 00	41 79	22 00	15 75	15 75	27 93	6 40
Lewiston.....	985 00	665 00	320 00	62 57	63 00	58 93	58 93	35 35	35 35	13 37	13 37	23 57	23 57
Boydton.....	462 50	462 50	.....	34 29	25 30	32 15	26 00	19 29	14 50	7 29	7 29	12 89	9 71
Clarkesville.....	200 00	200 00	.....	17 15	17 15	16 07	17 04	9 65	9 65	3 65	3 65	6 44	6 44
Boydton Circuit.....	540 00	380 00	160 00	57 00	22 00	53 00	47 50	32 00	29 00	22 00	12 00	21 00	.....
Mecklenburg.....	759 00	759 00	.....	80 10	80 01	75 00	75 00	45 01	145 12	17 01	17 01	29 94	30 00
Brunswick.....	1,100 00	862 82	237 18	77 15	77 95	72 32	55 51	42 40	42 40	16 40	16 40	28 40	5 00
Nottoway.....	850 00	800 00	50 00	71 44	71 44	66 96	30 00	90 18	24 15	15 18	10 00	26 78	21 81
Amelia.....	750 00	548 40	201 60	68 58	10 50	64 29	9 75	38 50	38 58	14 58	7 50	25 71	8 25
Powhatan.....	440 00	352 91	87 09	45 72	32 66	42 86	20 00	25 72	25 75	9 72	9 72	17 16	10 00
Cumberland.....	950 00	850 00	100 00	70 42	20 00	66 96	10 00	40 17	14 45	15 17	10 00	26 77	15 00
South Brunswick.....	550 00	550 00	.....	42 85	12 00	40 17	25 75	24 10	26 75	9 10	6 10	16 07	4 00
Total.....	\$11,386 50	\$9,686 82	\$1,699 68	\$800 00	\$534 10	\$750 00	\$460 32	\$450 00	\$475 85	\$170 00	\$149 45	\$300 00	\$191 68
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.	1,500 00	1,474 18	25 82										
Murfreesboro.....	542 00	565 50	.....	65 00	73 54	50 00	91 30	30 00	30 00	10 00	10 00	12 50	12 50
Northampton.....	650 00	604 10	45 90	75 60	75 06	75 00	54 00	40 00	95 00	16 00	16 70	34 00	10 35
Meherrin.....	500 00	465 71	34 29	50 00	40 00	40 00	32 00	35 00	27 45	10 00	8 00	20 00	16 00
Bertie (2 preachers).....	975 00	877 74	97 26	85 00	85 00	83 00	83 00	40 00	44 20	20 00	22 00	33 00	11 80
Edenton.....	300 00	225 00	75 00	12 50	10 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	11 00	5 00	4 66	5 00	3 00
Hertford.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	95 00	112 00	90 00	151 00	55 00	92 00	20 00	23 00	40 00	40 00
Pasquotank.....	1,000 00	812 09	187 91	85 00	60 00	77 00	65 00	48 00	50 00	17 00	19 00	35 00	.....
Elizabeth City.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	40 00	40 13	40 00	60 00	25 00	40 00	9 00	10 00	12 00	12 00
Suffolk.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00
Gates.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	95 00	65 19	90 00	90 00	55 00	55 00	21 00	21 00	40 00	30 00
Southampton.....	735 00	621 71	113 29	55 00	20 00	50 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	10 00	9 00	18 00	.....
Chuckatuck.....	600 00	600 00	.....	35 00	35 00	30 00	40 63	15 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	12 50	2 27
North Southampton.....	900 00	900 00	.....	55 00	18 70	55 00	86 10	35 00	35 00	10 00	11 00	18 00	6 00
Dare.....	260 00	260 00	.....	12 50	16 20	12 00	15 77	10 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00
Total.....	\$12,412 00	\$11,856 03	\$579 47	\$800 00	\$690 76	\$750 00	\$850 80	\$450 00	\$559 65	\$170 00	\$178 36	\$300 00	\$163 92

NORFOLK DISTRICT.	2,000 00	1,845 28	154 72										
Cumberland Street—Norfolk...	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	151 04	110 00	141 60	100 00	84 96	100 00	32 10	32 10	56 64	56 64
Granby Street, ".....	2,150 00	2,150 00	.....	151 04	153 00	141 60	142 00	84 96	93 00	32 10	33 00	56 64	58 16
Berkley.....	750 00	750 00	.....	19 84	20 24	18 60	18 75	11 16	11 29	4 22	4 32	7 44	7 53
Monumental—Portsmouth.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	147 20	147 22	138 00	77 43	82 80	50 45	31 28	38 35	55 20	11 66
Central, ".....	1,140 00	1,003 00	137 00	53 00	37 75	50 00	36 45	36 00	36 44	11 66	10 38	20 00	4 07
Second Street, ".....	600 00	511 84	88 16	19 84	19 84	18 60	18 60	11 16	11 16	4 22	4 22	7 44	7 44
Norfolk Circuit.....	1,000 00	942 92	57 08	79 36	79 36	74 00	73 58	44 00	75 00	16 86	16 86	29 76	29 76
East Norfolk Circuit.....	900 00	635 77	264 23	81 92	70 00	76 80	21 12	46 48	46 48	17 40	17 40	30 72	20 00
South Norfolk ".....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	125 44	55 05	70 56	19 25	117 60	77 45	26 26	17 30	47 34	15 20
Indian Ridge.....	900 00	722 16	177 84	108 80	40 00	102 00	20 00	61 20	50 00	23 13	15 00	40 80	.....
Princess Anne.....	1,000 00	914 75	85 25	125 44	65 00	117 60	90 50	70 50	43 00	26 65	22 00	47 04	20 00
York.....	600 00	486 60	113 40	64 00	15 34	60 00	18 90	36 00	11 70	13 60	11 32	24 00	7 50
Hampton.....	900 00	685 00	215 00	46 08	17 92	43 20	8 00	25 92	26 66	9 79	6 00	17 28	8 10
Smithfield.....	700 00	700 00	.....	64 00	60 00	50 00	55 00	36 00	33 00	13 60	13 10	24 00	22 00
Isle of Wight.....	400 00	333 78	66 22	32 00	16 00	30 00	15 00	18 00	9 00	6 80	3 40	12 00	6 00
Total.....	\$18,040 00	\$16,677 80	\$1,358 90	\$1,280 00	\$902 72	\$1,200 00	\$715 00	\$720 00	\$674 63	\$272 00	\$244 75	\$480 00	\$274 06

RECAPITULATION—By DISTRICTS.

Richmond District.....	19,123 00	17,977 07	1,150 93	1,120 00	901 02	1,050 00	825 04	630 00	818 73	238 00	201 94	420 00	310 21
Charlottesville District.....	9,286 50	8,348 28	938 22	720 00	404 96	675 00	402 48	405 00	292 72	153 00	124 32	270 00	171 42
Lynchburg District.....	14,006 74	11,378 68	2,627 97	800 00	558 17	750 00	611 95	450 00	641 47	170 00	128 11	300 00	289 43
Randolph Macon District.....	10,220 00	8,641 45	1,578 55	560 00	475 13	525 00	393 22	315 00	487 27	119 00	109 35	210 00	190 07
Petersburg District.....	14,049 00	12,437 61	1,611 39	880 00	621 11	825 00	1,060 84	495 00	577 73	187 00	154 13	330 00	214 08
Danville District.....	10,485 00	8,623 21	1,861 79	400 00	276 39	375 00	349 63	225 00	308 89	85 00	68 56	150 00	89 99
Eastern Shore District.....	7,800 00	7,432 41	367 49	640 00	509 58	600 00	540 93	360 00	475 80	136 00	110 14	240 00	155 90
Farmville District.....	11,886 50	9,686 82	1,699 68	800 00	534 16	750 00	460 32	450 00	475 85	170 00	149 45	300 00	191 68
Murfreesboro District.....	12,412 00	11,856 08	579 47	800 00	690 76	750 00	850 80	450 00	559 65	170 00	178 36	300 00	163 92
Norfolk District.....	18,040 00	16,677 80	1,358 90	1,280 00	906 72	1,200 00	715 00	720 00	674 63	272 00	244 75	480 00	274 06
Total.....	\$126,808 74	\$113,059 36	\$13,774 39	\$8,000 00	\$5 878 00	\$7,500 00	\$6,210 21	\$4,500 00	\$5,312 74	\$1,700 00	\$1,469 11	\$3,000 00	\$2,050 76

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

II—REPORTS OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

1.—CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman from last Conference.....\$	146	70		
From Richmond District.....	901	02		
" Charlottesville ".....	404	96		
" Lynchburg ".....	558	17		
" Danville ".....	276	39		
" Farmville ".....	534	16		
" Petersburg ".....	621	11		
" Murfreesboro ".....	690	76		
" Norfolk ".....	906	72		
" R'nd'lph Macon ".....	475	13		
" Eastern Shore ".....	509	58		
" Hall Fund.....	168	75		
" Batesville and Appomattox, 1874.....	34	87		
				\$6,228 32
Paid Conference Secty's bill.....\$	21	90	Child of W. P. Twymann.....	30 00
Rev. Joseph Carson.....	50	00	Mrs. A. Boyd.....	50 00
" R. Michaels.....	25	00	" T. C. Hayes.....	100 00
" Mrs. Pierce.....	12	00	" J. W. Wonycott.....	200 00
" Mrs. Carson.....	25	00	" W. M. Ward.....	100 00
" Jacob Shough.....	150	00	Miss Ella Wonycott.....	30 00
" J. C. Garlick.....	215	00	Mrs. J. H. Joyner.....	125 00
" Jos. Carson.....	100	00	" R. A. Gregory.....	250 00
" W. A. Robinson.....	100	00	" Julia Wood.....	75 00
" S. T. Moorman.....	200	00	" Benj. Miles.....	75 00
" Benj. Devany.....	100	00	Son of Rev. J. D. Coulling.....	40 00
" Benj. Williams.....	40	00	Mrs. H. T. Atmore.....	50 00
" Jas. McAden.....	75	00	" W. I. Hunter.....	175 00
" R. Michaels.....	300	00	Willie S. Hunter.....	30 00
" G. W. Nolley.....	215	00	Mrs. J. M. Arnold.....	125 00
Mrs. L. J. Hansberger.....	150	00	Children of Rev. T. C. Jennings.....	50 00
Rev. F. A. Davis.....	350	00	Mrs. M. C. Spriggs.....	75 00
Mrs. J. W. Childs.....	125	00	Miss Estella L. Arnold.....	25 00
" B. E. Gibson.....	150	00	" M. R. Arnold.....	25 00
" F. Stanley.....	100	00	Mrs. Wm. M. Jerdone.....	150 00
" M. C. Pierce.....	225	00	" B. H. Johnson.....	150 00
" Maria Peyton.....	75	00	" Alex. Stewart.....	50 00
" J. H. Payne.....	140	00	" J. McMullan.....	100 00
" M. S. Shelton.....	200	00	" G. N. Guy.....	200 00
" Frances M. Bain.....	100	00	" A. Penn.....	100 00
" W. C. Blount.....	175	00	" H. B. Cowles.....	75 00
" A. J. Beckwith.....	150	00	Check book and stamps.....	3 06
Miss S. J. Robinson.....	30	00		

\$6056 96

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman..... 171 36

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1875.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

Reports of Treasurer of Joint Board of Finance—Continued.

2.—BISHOP'S FUND.

Collected.....		\$1,476 49
Paid Bishop Keener, by H. M. Hope, Cambridge	\$ 5 00	
Paid Bishop McTyeire's travelling expenses.....	25 00	
Paid Bishop McTyeire	1,446 49	\$1,476 49

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1875.

3.—EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Amount received from and reported by Preachers at Conference.....	\$2,062 52
Paid A. G. Brown, Financial Secretary R. M. College.....	2,062 52

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1875.

III—Reports of the Conference Missionary Treasurer.

1.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Amount reported by Preachers.....	\$5,312 74
Amount from missionary meeting for Bro. Ransom.....	100 00
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	\$5,412 74
Paid Bro. Ransom.....	\$ 100 00
“ Rev. A. H. Redford, D. D.....	5,312 74
	\$5,412 74

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1875.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

Reports of the Conference Missionary Treasurer—Continued.

2.—DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Balance on hand from last Conference, \$56 16—less \$1 25.....	\$	54 91
Amount received from the Preachers.....		6,272 59
“ “ Missionary Meeting.....		79 61
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		\$6,407 11

Appropriated and paid Sidney.....	\$	270 00	
“ “ Nicholson-Street.....		225 00	
“ “ Williamsburg.....		225 00	
“ “ Oregon.....		180 00	
“ “ Piedmont Mission.....		180 00	
“ “ Salem.....		45 00	
“ “ Fluvanna.....		180 00	
“ “ Leesville Mission.....		90 00	
“ “ Jackson.....		135 00	
“ “ Lynchburg Mission.....		270 00	
“ “ Amherst “.....		67 50	
“ “ Dan River “.....		135 00	
“ “ Ringgold.....		135 00	
“ “ Bannister.....		135 00	
“ “ Ettricks.....		360 00	
“ “ Wesley Chapel.....		180 00	
“ “ Chesterfield Mission.....		90 00	
“ “ Berkley.....		225 00	
“ “ Second-Street.....		270 00	
“ “ Isle of Wight.....		90 00	
“ “ Edenton.....		180 00	
“ “ Chuckatuck.....		180 00	
“ “ Clarksville.....		225 00	
“ “ Wicomico.....		225 00	
“ “ Bell Haven.....		45 00	
“ “ Pocomoke.....		45 00	
“ “ Montross.....		135 00	
“ “ Logan Mission.....		135 00	
“ “ Spottsylvania.....		180 00	
“ “ Caroline.....		180 00	
“ “ German Mission.....		1,350 00	6,367 50
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Balance on hand.....			\$39 61

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1875.

VII.

ASSESSMENTS BY BOARD OF FINANCE

FOR 1875-76.

CONFERENCE COLLECTION:

Richmond District.....	\$1,000 00	Petersburg District.....	\$880 00
Charlottesville District...	720 00	Murfreesboro District.....	880 00
Lynchburg District.....	880 00	Norfolk District....	1,000 00
Danville District.....	640 00	Randolph Macon Dist....	640 00
Farmville District.....	800 00	Eastern Shore District....	560 00
			<u>\$8,000 00</u>

FOR BISHOPS AND RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

	Bishop's Fund.		Randolph Macon College Col.
Richmond District.....	\$212 50	.....	\$375 00
Charlottesville District...	153 00	.....	270 00
Lynchburg District.....	187 00	.....	330 00
Danville District.....	136 00	.....	240 00
Farmville District.....	170 00	.....	300 00
Petersburg District..	187 00	.....	330 00
Murfreesboro District....	187 00	.....	330 00
Norfolk District.....	212 50	.....	375 00
R. Macon District.....	136 00	.....	240 00
Eastern Shore District...	119 00	.....	210 00
<u>\$1,700 00</u>		<u>\$3,000 00</u>	

FOR MISSIONS:

	Foreign	Domestic.
Richmond District.....	\$ 775 00	\$ 1,250 00
Charlottesville District.....	558 00	900 00
Lynchburg District.....	682 00	1,100 00
Danville District.....	496 00	800 00
Farmville District.....	620 00	1,000 00
Petersburg District	682 00	1,100 00
Murfreesboro District.....	682 00	1,100 00
Norfolk District.....	775 00	1,250 00
Randolph Macon District.....	496 00	800 00
Eastern Shore District.....	434 00	700 00
Totals.....	<u>\$6,200 00</u>	<u>\$10,000 00</u>

A. G. BROWN, Chairman.

OSCAR LITTLETON, Sec'ty.

VIII.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS 1875-76.

Richmond District.—Main street, \$200; Nicholson-St., \$300; Jamestown, \$300; Williamsburg, \$300; New Kent, \$200...Total, \$1,300.

Charlottesville District.—Gordonsville, \$300; Culpeper, \$200; Fluvanna, \$100; Piedmont, \$150; Rappahannock Mission, \$100; Salem, \$50,Total, \$900.

Lynchburg District.—Madison Mission, \$300; Amherst, \$75; Jackson, \$200; South Campbell, \$100; Leesville, \$150; Appomattox, \$100.Total, \$925.

Farmville District.—Clarkesville, \$200; Dennisville, \$150...Total, \$350.

Petersburg District.—Ettrick, \$400; Wesley Chapel, \$200; Blandford, \$250; Chesterfield, \$250; Coalfield and Clover Hill, \$150.Total, \$1,250

Murfreesboro District.—Chuckatuck, \$100; Dare Circuit, \$100; Edenton, \$200.....Total, \$400.

Norfolk District.—Berkley, \$250; Second-Street, \$350.....Total, \$600.

Randolph Macon District.—Montross, \$150; Spottsylvania, \$150; Caroline, \$300; Essex, \$150; West Goochland, \$300.....Total, \$1,050.

Eastern Shore District.—Wicomico, \$300; Dorchester Mission, \$300; Bell Haven, \$50.....Total, \$650.

Danville District.—Bannister, \$200; Dan River, \$200; Ringgold, \$100; Alleghany Mission (conditionally), \$300.....Total, \$800.

German Mission—\$1,500
Total for the Conference.....\$9,725

J. E. EDWARDS, Chairman.

A. C. BLEDSOE, Sec'ty.

IX.

REPORTS.

FROM PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

Amid the discouraging influences of general financial depression, throughout the country, we have great reason to be grateful for the good degree of prosperity which attends our college. Though we have not as many students in attendance as were reported to you at this time a year ago, we still have more than the Institution ever had until the last two sessions.—There are now one hundred and fifty-five; thirty-nine of these expect to enter the ministry. Two have already completed the Biblical Literary Course, seven are in the Senior Class, nine are Intermediates and twenty-one are Juniors.

To attribute a decrease of students to a corresponding decrease of our people's wealth, would undoubtedly be erroneous. It is rather referable to the spirit of retrenchment and economizing which the money pressure has developed. Letters from parents have especially impressed me with this fact. Such improvement in economy is not less wise than needful, but it is to be regretted that it should take the direction which sacrifices the children's education rather than the grown people's self-indulgence. The time necessary for the legitimate work of any period of life is precious, but that time which Providence gives to youth for a preparation period is especially sacred. True, there are cases in which a year's release from study may benefit a delicate constitution, and also instances in which removing an idle student from college to other work will recall him to a just appreciation of college privileges; but, generally, to arrest a young man's mental training is to damage his intellectual power as a man for his whole life. That parents should not appreciate this is very deplorable. The time for education can not be as profitably spent in any other way. Alas! the haste that terminates it to the student's injury—cutting the web before the garment is half woven.

IS THE STANDARD TOO HIGH?

In some cases it is murmured as an excuse for leaving college that the standard is too high. It is too high for the idle and for those who are mentally too feeble for a high order of education. But the college does not erect this standard. The age in which we live fixes it. The college only recognizes and provides for it.

If more than a good conscience in honest work the Trustees and Faculty esteemed the vulgar applause of the ignorant, the half educated, to whom a diploma is equally delightful, whether it represents scholarly attainments or not; or if the standard should be derived from the opinions of those who have taken

no pains to inform themselves concerning a popular standard of scholarship for the present day, we should doubtless gratify a great many foolish people and their children, at least for a few years; but the final exposure which is in store for all such sham pretensions would eventually bring our Institution into merited contempt.

There is an American imitation of that style of culture, which Socrates ridiculed in the Sophists of his day; a style of superficial education that has disgusted many men of strong, common sense, and rendered them suspicious of all college pretensions.

The Sophists boasted that they could speak repeatedly on every subject and say something new each time; that they had no need of positive knowledge in order to discourse satisfactorily upon everything, and to answer every question extemporaneously. Their modern imitators cry down all the modest worth of thorough education and prefer flippant, showy, speech-making schoolboys, who are ever ready for a dress parade of gaudy verbiage that chatters glibly in the parlor, on the stump, in the pulpit, at the bar or elsewhere.

DEMAND FOR PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

No wonder people of good sense recoil from such school productions and demand what they call *practical* education. But this demand, while it justly repudiates a noisy, pretentious display of superficial attainments takes a direction that threatens harm to thorough intellectual discipline and sound learning. In the attempt to cut off from education everything that is supposed to be useless, everything that is unserviceable to wealth, comfort, luxury, or to some form of material progress, the view of intellectual culture is narrowed, and it is not remembered that one of the *prime ends of education* is the development and training of the mental and moral faculties themselves. While it is proper to repudiate a college system that is prolific of diplomas rather than of scholars, we must also beware of a system that substitutes for sound scholarship a mere technical and pseudo-utilitarian instruction as *practical* education. The best practical education is that which *gives most power to him who receives it*. The standard for such an education is indicated by the intelligence of the times—the dial is marked by the light of mental advancement which christian civilization has set on high for our guidance. If in this as in religion, comparatively few reach the mark for the prize of the high calling, yet the remedy is not to change the mark, but to urge the contestants to more vigorous effort. The standard is not too high for the average mind of our young men. Those who reach it are far better qualified for the practical ends of life than if they sought to fit themselves merely for some special work without regard to their own best culture.

STUDENTS DO NOT REMAIN LONG ENOUGH AT COLLEGE.

Various influences conspire to hurry young men away from college too soon. Some are poor; some are too old; some are needed at home to work; some are impatient to get into business; a great many because they lack energy of character, and some because unencouraged at home will not brave the difficulties of higher classes. Against this tendency to leave college too soon I have exerted all the influence I could possibly bring to bear upon both the students and their parents.

It is very gratifying to be able to report a great improvement in this direction this season; we have now more old students in proportion to numbers than ever before. The higher classes are much larger. This is an encouraging fact, especially as it shows a growing appreciation of high culture and more extensive collegiate attainments. We take it as an improvement in the sentiment of the people respecting college work. I hope this improvement may yet become greater. Much of future good depends on it. There is an important fact to which I would call attention in this connection. It is: That many students leave college too early to attain the most valuable part of college training. A certain age and growth are pre-requisite to the development of those faculties and to those intellectual exercises which are pertinent to a proper preparation for life. The exceptions to this rule are precocious youths, few of whom become more than second rate men. The earlier part of education exercise the faculties of perception, memory and imagination. As youth more nearly approaches manhood the *reasoning* faculties can be brought more fully under intelligent discipline, and the mind becomes more vigorous in logical activity. The capacity for judging accurately and wisely is developed and exercised. It is this very capacity which we call good understanding, sound sense, and which is fundamental to all intelligent faith as well as to the best progress in sacred or in secular things, that we must, if possible, develop by a thorough system of education. But very young students who remain for only a session or two at college go out with no such education. They enter life like green fruit. Cannot such representative men of the Church as are assembled here do much toward improving the public sentiment on points like this? I hope our ministers and official laymen will, as they have opportunity, strive to diffuse an enlightened conception of collegiate education.

THE MORAL END OF EDUCATION NEVER TO BE OVERLOOKED.

When we press earnestly the claims of education we are sometimes annoyed at finding ourselves misapprehended and regarded as more anxious to secure intellectual than moral elevation. But mental strength and intelligence are not contemplated as separated from piety and moral worth. The whole man must be considered and appreciated in every sound method of human improvement. The final and best cultivation of a human being culminates in the great moral ideas that fill his mind and the holy moral purposes that fill his life. Because this is true the Church is under obligation to take charge of the education of her children and direct it and glorify it with the light of divine truth. "Who are they," asked President Chadbourne, "who are causing humanity to blush by their dishonesty and corruption, poisoning the world at the same time that they are cheating and astounding it?" Why, men who are educated, but who despise the slow method of honest gain and reject the old-fashioned morality of the Bible. There must be a searching for the foundations; and that instruction or that education, which does not make prominent *justice* as well as benevolence; *law* as well as liberty; honesty as well as thrift, and purity of life as well as enjoyment, should be stamped by every true educator as a waste and a curse, for so it will prove in the end.

We understand the importance of our work, the value of mental and moral culture. We see the inviting fields that call the student to labor, and the waiting world that needs his time and the strength of his best cultured powers. Let us see to it that no old notions, no routine of duty, no shrinking from work or responsibility shall spoil our harvest, so that at last we shall look back on a waste of energy and time. Let us work while the day lasts with our might. Let us see that all our work is of the best kind. Let us train our students for the study, for the family, for the State, for the world. If we send them forth with the ability to labor, with a love of truth and justice, and with a spirit of self-sacrifice, our work will be a blessing to them and to the world. (No. 4, 1875, Circular of Bureau of Education).

THE FINANCIAL INTEREST OF THE COLLEGE.

What has been done in respect to the financial interest of the college will appear from the report of the Financial Secretary.

We have not yet realized our long cherished hopes concerning enlarged and improved buildings and an endowment fund. But we do not despair. Let us begin anew our efforts to collect funds for these purposes. Much as the people may be taxed for other interests, they have something to spare for this also. I invoke your earnest co-operation with the Trustees in all their endeavors to improve the fiscal prosperity of the college. The Church and the world in other parts of this country, and in foreign fields, are doing such wonderful things for education, that we shall be put to shame and lose our crown if we strive not more vigorously in this cause. An interesting fact, reported for the Bureau of Education in the United States, attracted my notice a few days ago. In Palestine, "on a plat of ground of about twenty acres, commanding a view of the Lebanon and overlooking the Mediterranean," is a college building 155 by 80 feet, four stories high, a medical hall 80 by 45 feet, and an observatory. This college has been in operation six years. "One hundred and forty-four students have shared the advantages of the literary department, while the medical school promises to furnish educated and competent physicians to regions as yet destitute." The funds that established this Syrian Protestant college, amounting to about \$160,000, were principally given in New York. The frame work of the building, doors and windows were framed and fitted in New York. This is the noble work of American missionaries. "They have adopted education as the handmaid of religion. The armor of the Mohammedans and of other hostile communities was vulnerable only through science." Now see the material prosperity that follows these missionary efforts for Christian education. In 1866 the imports into Syria from the United States had amounted to only \$6,000 for five years. But in 1872 they amounted to \$400,000!

Now in Virginia, and in a part of Maryland, and in a part of North Carolina, we have a rich field of resources for sustaining our college in the best style. All we need is more of that generous zeal which animated the Syrian missionaries in their enlightened policy. Let our people understand that what they give to this cause is not only directly serviceable in fitting young men for the best work of the Church and of the country, but is also good seed sowed for a bountiful harvest of material and spiritual wealth in the time to come. The high culture

of our children will give the best social foundation for the welfare and happiness of our State; the best assurance for the development of material resources; the best agencies for Church work; the best investment for human progress and Christian civilization. I propose to you no doubtful expedient. All I ask is that every preacher and member of the Church shall work cordially and bravely in this cause till our college is, in every respect, established and furnished for the great work it can be enabled to perform. Let us go forward in the strength of the Lord God.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. DUNCAN,
President R. M. College.

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to make the following report:

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of Randolph Macon College. We learn from its president, Rev. James A. Duncan, D. D., that there are now one hundred and fifty-five students in the College, with the prospect of the number being increased to two hundred. This we regard as highly encouraging, in view of the unparalleled stringency of the times, the monetary pressure being the severest realized since the late panic. It is also exceedingly gratifying to learn from the report of the financial secretary, that the salary of every officer, professor and employee has been paid in full to October 1st, 1875, and that all claims for interest on College debt, for repairs to the College building, for insurance, fuel, printing, advertising, postage and stationery have been paid in full to date. This report likewise exhibits the fact, which we are pleased to acknowledge, that the arduous duties of his office have been discharged by the late Fiscal Agent, Rev. A. G. Brown, with fidelity and advantage to the College, and that the liabilities of the Institution have been diminished forty-five per cent. while its assets have increased one hundred per cent. during his term of office. For further particulars we refer the Conference to the very full and able reports of the President and Secretary.

Of the students now at College thirty-nine are studying for the ministry. These, with twenty-three others, the sons of our itinerant ministers, receive tuition gratuitously; and to enable the College to bear this heavy drain on its tuition fees, our Educational Fund has been established. We deeply regret that there should have been any deficiency in the collections for this fund during the past year, and would respectfully urge the necessity of renewed and persistent efforts on the part of all of our ministers to inspire an interest in this matter among our people such as shall ensure the entire amount required for the ensuing year.

We regret that the plan proposed by the Board of Trustees, and adopted by the last Conference, to raise fifty thousand dollars as a building fund, has been but partially carried out, only about one-third of the amount having been obtained ; and we hope that this plan will be prosecuted to a speedy and successful issue, as more suitable accommodations are imperatively demanded by the already large and increasing patronage of the College. We are happy to learn that with the funds already in hand the work of providing such accommodations will be commenced, and we trust nothing will hinder their speedy completion. It is a most gratifying fact that an increasing number of old students remain in the Collège, and all the advanced classes are larger now than ever before.

We suggest that the attention of our people be earnestly called to the importance of making every effort to continue their sons at College for a sufficient length of time to afford them a thorough mental training.

As heretofore, we call the attention of the Conference to Wesleyan Female College, located at Murfreesboro', N. C., under the presidency of Rev. Wm. G. Starr, A. M., aided by a full and able faculty.

We are glad to learn of the increasing prosperity of this old and honored Institution, there being one hundred and seventy-six students this year against one hundred and sixty last. Situated in a mild and healthful section of country, with ample accommodations and increased facilities for the prosecution of its great work, it is in every respect worthy of the confidence and patronage of our people. This school, however, needs no commendation from us ; its unparalleled success sufficiently attests its merits.

The Farmville College, under the presidency of Rev. Paul Whitehead, we are happy to learn, is steadily increasing its patronage, the number of its students this session being twenty-five per cent. more than at the same date last year. A large addition has been recently made to the original building, consisting of a three-story brick house, containing a fine study hall and much additional room for boarders. Two female teachers have been lately added to the corps of instructors, which, with the able faculty retained, furnish every guaranty for the future success and prosperity of this Institution.

Rev. J. D. Arnold, A. M., still presides over the Danville Female College. We are happy to know that this Institution has at its head so able and accomplished a gentleman, and trust that it will speedily command a large increase of its present patronage.

The Southern Female College, of which W. T. Davis, A. M., is president, is well worthy the patronage of our people, for, as heretofore, so still, it is an Institution of high grade and furnishes every facility for a thorough and complete female education.

The Petersburg Female College, of which the experienced and accomplished Mrs. F. M. Wright is principal, with Professor Wm. B. Carr, associate, is in a prosperous condition, and we take pleasure in recommending it to the patronage of our people.

These two Institutions are located in the city of Petersburg, one of the great centres of Methodistic influence, and should be liberally sustained by our people, especially those in the city and surrounding country.

The Female Collegiate Institute in Richmond, under the management of E. E. Parham, A. M., a leading member of our church in that city, is a school of high grade, the only Methodist school of prominence in the Richmond District, and in every respect worthy of a liberal patronage.

We take pleasure also in mentioning Bowling Green Female Seminary, of which Mrs. W. T. Chandler is principal, located in Caroline county, Va. This school, we are glad to learn, is liberally patronized, and both from the nature of its situation, the number and ability of its faculty, and the character of its management, is pre-eminently deserving of continued success. We most cordially recommend it to all our people and especially to those of the surrounding District.

We, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

1. That the Bishop presiding be requested to appoint Rev. Jas. A. Duncan, D. D., President, and Rev. T. A. Ware, Fiscal Agent, of Randolph Macon College; Rev. William G. Starr, President of Wesleyan Female College, and Rev. Paul Whitehead, President of Farmville College.

2. That we will heartily co-operate with the President and Agent of Randolph Macon College in all their efforts to promote the prosperity of this noble and cherished Institution.

3. That the Board of Finance be instructed to continue the apportionment of \$3,000 as an Educational Fund for the College; and we recommend that every minister in charge of station or circuit set forth and urge upon his membership the claims of the College to their liberal support, and that collections be raised, wherever practicable, at least by the 1st of March, and the same forwarded immediately to the Fiscal Agent or Treasurer.

4. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. John C. Granberry, D. D., as Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in the Vanderbilt University, and that his name be attached to the Randolph Macon District.

[Signed]

WILLIAM MCGEE, *Chairman.*

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to whom was referred this very important department of our general work, have had it under serious and prayerful consideration. Such are the interests and so vital are the points involved, we can give in a report of this character but a passing remark to the many points presenting themselves to the mind of the Committee. We believe in the wisdom of our fathers as embodied in our form of discipline touching the points involved: That where ten children can be gathered there should be a Sunday School formed and maintained under the guidance and influence of Methodism. And we should see to it, as their builders, that the demand for *union* does not dilute this correct principle of the book by which we are guided. It unquestionably should be the aim of the Sunday Schools to furnish intellectual and religious training for the young minds committed to their care. The Bible must be the great text book. This *must be taught*. To do this we must have trained teachers; men and women who love

God, the work, and the children, and who will sacrifice ease and self-indulgence to the stern demand of duty. To have such teachers, they must be taught. They should not only be intelligent in a general sense, but they should know Christ by experience. They should understand the doctrines and usages of Methodism, and not be afraid to teach them. We believe that in every school where such teachers cannot be had, that a class should be formed and put in charge of the preacher, or the best man or woman in the school or church, and the object and aim of this teacher should be to teach teachers how to teach and what to teach. This we regard as one of the great wants of the work at this time in our schools. How and what we shall teach has almost as many answers as there are schools. We believe that in uniformity of teaching there is great utility and wisdom. Your Committee would accept the utterances of the General Conference on this subject, and commend to our people our literature and all the teaching machinery recommended by that body. We think there is a lamentable diversity among us as Methodists at this point. We believe that the General Conference had wisdom enough in the past to know what was right in doctrine and pure in sentiment, and grace enough, to commend such only to the Church and the Sunday School. This body has time and again recommended our books, our periodicals, our papers, and especially our *uniform system* of teaching. We have by Conference resolution endorsed their recommendations, but in too many instances failed to adopt their plan. Our acts and our resolutions do not furnish a pleasant picture. If Methodism is good enough for us to live and die by, we should see to it that the form of Christianity embodied in its teachings is imparted to our children by every means in our power. A Methodist Sunday School in every Methodist Church—and that church at work teaching and learning the Word of God, the doctrines, usages and discipline of the Church—should be the surest and speediest road to the solution of the points of doctrine and usages that now vex the Church and throw across our path forebodings for the future.

Resolved, 1st. That we will give more diligence to the organization of Sunday Schools in our churches and destitute portions of our work, where the requirements of the discipline can be met.

2d. That we will more earnestly devote ourselves to the procurement and qualification of teachers, and commend to our people a united effort in this direction.

3d. That we cannot too strongly commend the efforts of the General Conference in projecting a system of uniform lessons; and introducing, as they do, the glorious doctrines of Methodism in the form in which they can be taught to the children, we would insist that as far as possible they be used in all our schools.

4th. That we believe the Sunday School books published at Nashville are the purest and best that can be had for our purposes; teaching as they do the doctrines of our church, we will use our best efforts to put them into all our schools, and commend them earnestly to our people.

5th. That we deeply regret the resignation of Dr. A. G. Haygood, our able and successful Secretary and Editor; and we promise to Dr. Cunyngnam, his successor, our earnest co-operation and support, and we will further rejoice in every advance he may make in the improvement of our literature and its introduction into our schools and families.

6th. That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. Leo. Rosser Sunday School Agent of the Virginia Conference.

W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*

ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

If we could sound an alarm loud enough to be heard in all the families of our Church and to arouse every sleeper to action, we would cry, Beware of bad books! Be on your guard against the multitudinous issues of the demoralizing anti-Christian press. We would unmask, if it were possible, these pernicious Scribes and Pharisees, who sit, like cormorants, upon the tree of life and poison the fruit that was given for the healing of the nations. By all that is holy and just and good, we would call upon all our pastors and teachers and all our people, to unite with our authors, printers, publishers and book distributors, in sending the antidote wherever the poison has been deposited, and in giving pure, invigorating mental food to all who may desire it.

It is a remarkable fact that in these hard and perilous times, we have in Nashville a noble Publishing House, a capacious and elegant building, "adapted," as we learn from the circular of Dr. Redford, which has been submitted to us, "to all the uses for which it was erected, and furnished with all the machinery and facilities for meeting the demands of the Church and prosecuting the business of the House.

We heartily concur with our Agent, in his appeal now before us, in which he calls upon the ministry and the laity to extend to the Publishing House the patronage which it deserves.

Vast multitudes of people who will not listen to preachers and Sunday School teachers will read books, magazines and newspapers; the pulpit cannot reach them, but their attention may be arrested and they may be saved by the instrumentality of the press, which is in many directions,

"The mightiest of the mighty means,
On which the arm of progress leans."

We cannot, without peril to our souls, refuse to enter in at that open door. All that is necessary to make our Publishing House a glorious success is a cordial co-operation of the whole Church in this noble work.

The *Christian Advocate*, issued at our Publishing House, and edited by Dr. Summers, whose ability as a writer and whose high attainments in biblical and theological lore, are well known, deserves the patronage of the whole Church. We are glad to see that the price has been reduced to two dollars a year.

All our Sunday School periodicals—the *Magazine* and *Lesson Papers*, the *Visitor*, and *Our Little People*—should be generously sustained. In this connection it gives us pleasure to state that the agent of our Publishing House at Nashville has made arrangements with Brother T. L. D. Walford, of Richmond, by which the books and periodicals of the House will be furnished to our preach-

ers and our people on the same terms and prices in Richmond that they are sold in Nashville. This arrangement is made for the special accommodation of the people within the bounds of our Conference.

The *Richmond Christian Advocate*, as the organ of our Conference, has the chief place in the affections of our people. Its name is familiar to us as household words. It affords us pleasure to learn that under the editorial and financial supervision of Dr. Bennett and the Rev. J. J. Lafferty, it is increasing in circulation and usefulness.

The *Southern Quarterly Review*, edited by Dr. A. T. Bledsoe and Mrs. Bledsoe Herrick, continues to maintain its high reputation in the republic of letters, and deserves a much wider circulation than it has heretofore attained.

In conclusion we respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we will use our best efforts during the next Conference year to circulate all the publications of our own Publishing House, and that we will strive to impress upon our people the importance of religious reading and study.

Resolved, 2. That we recognize the *Richmond Christian Advocate* as a journal eminently deserving a place in all our families; and we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to promote its circulation.

Resolved, 3. That we are gratified at the interest of our brethren of the Baltimore Conference in the *Richmond Christian Advocate*.

Resolved, 4. That we value the *Southern Review* on account of its able discussion and lucid presentation of important themes, and hope that its circulation may be increased.

Resolved, 5. That we would recommend to the favorable consideration of those who have charge of the Sunday School Lessons published by our own Publishing House, the importance of issuing a series of lessons on the subjects prepared by the International Sunday School Convention, and known as the *International Sunday School Series*.

JOHN BAYLEY, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

It is proper to state, in making our report to the Conference, that out of the thirty-one pastoral charges to which appropriations were made for the Conference year now closing, twenty-three of this number are feeble circuits and stations, which report their work directly to the Conference, and hence will not be included in this report.

These appointments are situated for the most part in the suburbs of our cities and in certain districts of country where our members are poor, and in some instances, few in number, who are not able to support a preacher without pecuniary aid out of our missionary collections. It would not, therefore, be ex-

pedient or right to send our preachers to these feeble charges without affording them this needed help, nor can the Church be built up, nor the people supplied with gospel privileges, without these appropriations.

While these are not, strictly speaking, Mission fields, and are not reported as such in the list of appointments, yet they need this aid from the Mission funds of the Church, and properly come under the head of our Home Evangelization work.

We have received reports from the following Missions: Lynchburg, Logan, Piedmont, Chesterfield, Jackson, Dan River, and the German Mission.

Rev. L. F. Way has been in charge of the Lynchburg City Mission. The principal point in this field is Madison chapel, in the village of Madison, on the Amherst side of the James river. The work is prospering in every particular—it has been blessed with a continued season of revival since the beginning of summer. There have been forty additions to the Church. The congregations are large, some attending Church, who, previous to this year, have not attended a church for twenty years. There is a flourishing Sunday-school, which is well attended, and which promises much good for the future of this field. This is a young Church situated in a growing and prosperous village, and will soon be self-sustaining. Prayer-meetings in connection with this mission have been held occasionally at Daniel's Hill and Franklin Hill, in the suburbs of the city of Lynchburg. Brother Way has also preached for a part of the year at the Fort, situated about two miles from the city. He thinks this, with attention, could be made an appointment of some importance and attached to the South Bedford Circuit.

Rev. G. W. Bailey has had charge of the Piedmont Mission. This field embraces parts of Madison, Culpeper and Rappahannock counties. It has a membership of four hundred; one hundred received into the Church during the present year. There are in this Mission five Sunday-schools with one hundred and fifty scholars. It has two church edifices valued at \$800. The Mission is in a very prosperous condition. Brother Bailey has preached during the year two hundred sermons and visited two hundred and twenty families. The people are very poor, but are helping to sustain the gospel.

Rev. R. B. Beadles has had charge of the Logan Mission. It is located in Essex county, Virginia; was set off from the King and Queen Circuit about four years ago. Brother Beadles has had charge of this work only about six months, but during this time has done a good work, and the spiritual condition of the charge much improved. The Mission is in a very promising condition, and has in it some very pious, earnest people. We have only two Church buildings, owned exclusively by us, but have an interest in one other, situated at Tappahannock. One of our Churches is new, having been built within the last two years at the cost of about \$1,300. The other Church is in a tolerable good condition. There are one hundred and ten members; one Sunday-School with forty-two scholars.

Rev. James Bailey has had charge of the Chesterfield Mission. This is a new Mission established at the last Conference; it has four preaching places, at two of which there are organized societies with a membership of twenty-five. There are two Sunday-schools in good condition, numbering in officers and teachers

sixteen, and in scholars fifty-five. Brother Bailey thinks that with a larger appropriation, so as to enable the preacher in Charge to give his entire attention to this work, this would be a profitable field.

Rev. W. S. Creasy has had charge of the Dan River Mission. It is improving spiritually and financially, ten have been added to the Church, and it now has one hundred and forty-two white and twelve colored members. This promises to be a good field; \$150 have been paid the Missionary and \$40 raised for Sunday-school purposes.

Rev. C. Evers has been in charge of the Jackson Mission. It has two hundred and twenty-eight members, four Sunday-schools with one hundred and sixty-one scholars; it has paid the Missionary \$25. The Presiding Elder reports that this Mission has had some prosperity, that the brother in charge has labored earnestly, but is not adapted to the work.

Several charges reported to the Board as Mission work proper have become in part self-sustaining, and hence are not incorporated in this report, as they report directly to the Conference.

Rev. F. Bickle was appointed at our last Conference session in charge of the German Mission at Richmond, Virginia, but it was found necessary to remove him before the close of the year. He was therefore removed by Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, Superintendent of the German Mission work in the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. G. Meyer, of the Baltimore Conference, was, by consent of the Presiding Elders, placed in charge of the work. Brother Meyer is an earnest, devoted, experimental Methodist preacher, and though he has been in charge of the work but a few months, it has greatly prospered under his ministrations; although there is not as large a number of members reported as last year, yet the Mission is in every respect in a much better condition than it was twelve months ago. Two sermons are preached each Sunday, and religious services are held regularly twice during the week. The Sunday-school has been greatly improved during the last three months, more than doubling the number of scholars. An organ has been purchased by the congregation, which is a great auxiliary in the Sunday-school. The Mission has raised during the year for current expenses \$150.

Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, the Superintendent of the German Mission work within the bounds of our Conference, reports that he has confined his labor to the work in Richmond. He has received from the Quarterly Conference of Washington-Street Church, Petersburg, the sum of \$1,000, the surplus from the sale of the German Chapel in that city, and has paid over this amount to the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Richmond, in part payment of a debt due said company on the Church building in Richmond, which company still holds a mortgage on the Church property of about \$2,000. Brother Blogg has preached eight times to this congregation and administered the sacrament four times during the year. The Sunday-school has contributed \$20 to the various benevolent objects of the Conference. There is a Missionary society in connection with the Sunday-school, which proposes to raise money by weekly contributions for the Missionary cause.

We regard this as being in an improving condition, and with proper fostering care, will no doubt prove a great success in spreading scriptural holiness among the German people of the city of Richmond.

We pay this year ninety per cent. on the appropriations.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLEDSOE,
Secretary.

JOHN E. EDWARDS,
President.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee appointed to take under consideration the interests of the Bible cause, beg leave to report:

The sinfulness and helplessness of man, the Bible as a revelation adapted to his condition, and the Church as the divinely designated instrumentality for bringing truth in contact with the human heart, are fundamental principles which underlie and animate all Christian activity, and impose upon us as a denomination of professing Christians, in the particular submitted to our consideration, an obligation which we cannot consistently ignore. So manifest is this fact, that its bare enunciation is sufficient to commend it to our hearty acceptance.

The design of the Virginia Bible Society, and the facilities which it offers for the general distribution of the inspired volume, without note or comment, suggest the propriety of a continued adherence to it on our part as an appropriate channel for the discharge of our responsibility in the dissemination of gospel truth. During the past four years the Society has collected from the various Evangelical churches, included in the bounds of the State, about the sum of \$16,000 on donation account, which has been expended in the purchase of books and in the prosecution of its work; and with this comparatively small amount, with the addition of valuable donations made by the American Bible Society, it has been able to scatter broadcast over the State more than \$26,000 worth of books, amounting to 72,000 volumes of the Scriptures.

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers, for reasons not necessary to record, it was deemed expedient to contract the work of the Society. It has, therefore, at present but two agents employed in carrying forward its beneficent operations—the Rev. M. W. Staples and the Rev. Jno. G. Rowe.

The Society finds great difficulty in securing funds to meet its imperative demands. From all sources, during the past year, there has not been realized more than the paltry sum of \$2,800. This, we believe, is due principally to the fact that the Society is limited in the number of its agents; and to meet the difficulty specified growing out of a limited agency, at least one denomination of professing Christians interested in the work of the Virginia Bible Society has incorporated the Bible cause in the list of its regular church collections.

Besides the distribution of the Word of Life among the whites, the Society has been able to place the Bible, to some extent, in the homes of the negro population of the State. The good that is likely to accrue from this step taken by the Society cannot be overestimated.

In view of these facts, your committee offer the following resolutions for the adoption of this body :

1. *Resolved*, That we reaffirm our devotion to the Bible Society of Virginia, and pledge to it our continued countenance and support.

2. *Resolved*, That we incorporate the Bible cause into the list of benevolent enterprises recognized by this Conference, and require our ministers to present its claims to their respective congregations as every way entitled to a demand upon their liberality.

3. *Resolved*, That the ministers of this Conference be requested, to the extent consistent with other demands made upon their time and attention, to render assistance to the General Agent in the prosecution of the work of the Society.

4. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Bishop of this Conference be requested to continue the Rev. Jno. G. Rowe in his present relation as agent to the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. NOLLEY, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MISS LEONORA BROWN'S BEQUEST.

Your committee to whom was referred the interests of the Virginia Conference in the will of Miss Leonora Brown, of Flemingsburg, Ky., beg leave to report that they have not been furnished with the will of the testatrix, and can procure no accurate information as to its language describing the beneficiaries, and can therefore give no legal opinion as to the validity of the bequests. They have been unable to procure the Acts of Assembly of Kentucky. The Virginia Conference is not a corporation and cannot take under general law: and your committee are unable, with the present information, to give an opinion as to the power of this Conference by additional legislation (if it can be obtained) to receive this bequest.

Your committee therefore recommend that a proper person be selected by the Conference to procure the necessary papers, ascertain what can be legally done in the premises, and put (if advisable) in operation the necessary means to secure such rights as he may be advised to the Conference belong.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WHITEHEAD,
W. T. CHANDLER,
W. W. WEBB,

Committee.

November 22d, 1875.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION TO GERMAN CHAPEL, RICHMOND, VA.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rev. Dr. Edwards, in reference to the fund arising from the sale of the German Chapel in Petersburg, concur in the following conclusions:

1. That the German Chapel was sold according to law, and after paying its indebtedness the residue of the fund was placed in the hands of the Quarterly Conference of the Washington Street Station, according to the law of our Church.

2. It appears from the records of the said Quarterly Conference that it was the intention of that body to transfer the fund thus placed in their hands to the German Mission Chapel in Richmond: provided, the parties receiving the fund should give a refunding bond, with a condition that in case the German Mission in Richmond should prove a failure the money is to be returned to the said Quarterly Conference.

3. That the committee appointed by the said Quarterly Conference to carry out its intention, transferred the fund to the German Mission in Richmond; but it does not appear from the record that the required bond has been given.

4. That in our opinion the said fund is rightfully in the hands of the German Mission in the city of Richmond: provided, the required refunding bond be given by the parties having received the fund to the said Quarterly Conference of the Washington Street Station in Petersburg.

W. H. CHRISTIAN,
THOMAS WHITEHEAD,
J. S. R. CLARKE.

REPORT ON PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL FUND.

When we made our last report there were \$195.00 in our treasury, and during the Conference year we have collected \$559.83. With this we paid the expenses of five young preachers at Randolph Macon College from the beginning to the close of the last term ending June 28th, and the expenses of three others, in whole and in part, from the beginning of the present session to the first of December, leaving in our treasury the sum of only \$65.10. At our last Conference we received, in subscriptions from our ministers and laymen, about \$500; only about \$200 have been collected, leaving now due on these subscriptions \$300. How much of these subscriptions will be paid, it is impossible for us to know. But we must have the funds to carry on our work, or we must stop. Will our brethren in the ministry and our laymen consent to this? At the last meeting of our Board there was quite a large number of applications for assistance by young men, giving very satisfactory evidence of their call to the office and work of the

ministry, but for the want of funds we were compelled to reject their applications: Should this be so? Is it not the duty of the Church to furnish the money requisite to educate all the destitute young men called of God to preach the Gospel? If such young men are not assisted, they will, as ministers, be lost to the Church, and God's displeasure, if not his curse, will rest upon her. The Church cannot afford to lose these young men; she will need every one of them. We are dividing our circuits, extending our work, are endeavoring to give our people in the country more preaching; and hence we shall need every year young and efficient ministers of the Gospel. How can we supply this demand if we do not educate our young men? It may seem strange to some, but it is nevertheless true, that God is calling to the work of the ministry more of the destitute, uneducated class of young men than any other. Whether this has always been true, the history of the past will show; but it is evidently true at the present time.

In view of the importance of this great work, we beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we most decidedly approve of the work of our Educational Board in assisting such young men as they believe God has called to the office and work of the ministry to obtain the requisite education for this work.

2. *Resolved*, That the President of the Board be authorized to appoint some one in every church throughout our Conference to make collections for the education of our destitute young men called of God to the ministry, and remit what they have obtained for this object to him by the first of September, 1876.

3. *Resolved*, That we proceed now to take up subscriptions and collections to enable our Educational Board to prosecute their work.

D. P. WILLS, *President*.

REPORT ON HALL FUND.

The undersigned, trustees of the "Hall Fund" of the Virginia Annual Conference, beg leave to report that they have received interest on State bonds to the amount of fifty-four dollars, - - - - - \$54 00

And on bonds of Southern Methodist Publishing House to the amount of one hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents, . - - 114 75

Making a total of . - - - - - \$168 75

ALEX. G. BROWN,
W. W. BENNETT,
Trustees.

DANVILLE, November 24, 1875.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THE PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

The directors of the "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference M. E. Church South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans," beg leave respectfully to report to the Conference as follows:

During the past Conference year the means at our command have been perseveringly made use of to further the objects of our organization. We are glad to be able to say that the results of our labors, although not so great as we desired, are gratifying, in view of our restricted facilities and the unusual financial depression prevailing in all our borders.

The following is a condensed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society for the fiscal year ending the 24th day of November, 1875:

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Receipts.

Balance in hand November 23d, 1874.....		\$3,073 85
Nov. 24, 1875.—Amt. rec'd to this date on subscriptions...	\$1662 00	
" " in donations.....	34 85	
" to July 1, 1875, as int. on deposits..	155 91	1,852 76
Total.....		<u>\$4,926 61</u>

Disbursements.

Amt. appropriated November, 1874, to Rev. W. C. Taylor, of Kent Island, Md.		\$50 00
1875. Nov. 24.—Amt. paid to date for printing cir- culars, &c.....	43 25	
Amt. paid postage and stationery,	37 75	
" Secretary and Treasu- rer, salary one year.....	300 00	381 00
		<u>481 00</u>
Balance on hand this date.....		\$4,495 61
Accounted for as follows:		
At interest in Exchange National Bank, Norfolk.....	3,537 76	
Cash in hand at Danville	957 85	
		<u>\$4,495 61</u>

The comparative condition and working of the Society in 1874 and 1875, is as follows:

Whole number of members November, 1874.....	1,548	
" " " 1875.....	1,654	
		<u>Increase, 106</u>
Aggregate am.t of subscriptions Nov., 1874.....	\$43,722 50	
" " " 1875:....	46,870 00	
		<u>Increase, \$3,147 50</u>

Aggregate amt. of funds in hand Nov. 23, 1874,	\$3,073 85	
“ “ “ 24, 1875,	4,495 61	Increase, 1,421 76
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Total expenses of Society in 1874	\$392 00	
“ “ 1875	381 00	Decrease, \$11 00
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Fifty additional collectors have been appointed during the year, making, with the members of the Conference, about 300, who are recognized as special workers in commending our cause and receiving subscriptions and funds for the Society. Some, we are glad to say, have heartily co-operated with us; but many have, thus far at least, failed to give evidence of the interest we might justly expect them to manifest, especially in view of the action of the Conference at its last session. [See page 11 printed minutes of session of 1874.]

The Society would gratefully acknowledge its obligation to Rev. Messrs. Bennett and Lafferty, of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, for their generosity in allowing us such liberal use of their columns in behalf of its interests.

The Board has determined, for the present, to appropriate the annual interest of six (6) per cent. on the amount in hand at the opening of Conference in each year to the specific work of relief, as contemplated in the formation of the Society, notice of which has already been given to the Conference. On the recommendation of the Board of Finance of the Conference, our Board has made the following appropriations: To Rev. John McClelland, of the Virginia Conference, *one hundred* dollars; to Rev. Walter C. Taylor, of the Virginia Conference, *sixty* dollars, and to Miss Mary Scott, daughter of Rev. Robert Scott, deceased, formerly of this Conference, the sum of *fifty* dollars—making in all two hundred and ten dollars. The Treasurer is instructed to hand the checks for the several amounts named to such friends present as shall convey them to the parties named.

We have intimations from warm friends of the Society of material additions in the future of considerable sums to our fund, and on the whole we are persuaded that the prospect of the near future is encouraging. We sincerely trust that our brethren and friends, in and out of the Conference, will render to the objects of our association that hearty sympathy and active assistance which they so richly merit.

We conclude our report by expressing our profound sense of the loss sustained by our Society in the death, during the past year, of two members of the Board of Directors, our much-loved and venerated brother, D'Arcy Paul, and the kindly and large-hearted Col. James W. Hinton. We feel our loss, but bow to Him who doeth all things well, and would be admonished to work while it is day, that, as we trust they were, we may be ready for the evening reckoning.

Respectfully submitted,

DANVILLE, November 24, 1875.

RICHARD IRBY,
President, pro tem.

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MEMOIRS.

REV. JOSEPH CARSON.

BY REV. ALEXANDER G. BROWN.

JOSEPH CARSON was born in Winchester, Frederick county, Va., on the 19th day of February, 1785. His parents were Joseph and Rebecca Carson. His mother was his father's second wife, of whom he was the only son. She was a Miss Curry, of Scotch birth and ancestry, though at the time of her marriage she was a resident of Pennsylvania. At the death of his mother, when he was but two years old, he was committed to the care of Mrs. Osborne who, though not a kinswoman, was a very kind christian friend and neighbor of the family. Subsequently, his half-brother, Beattie Carson, took charge of him; and the influence of this godly man, who was one of the first stewards of the Methodist Church in Winchester, Va., deeply impressed his young heart on the subject of religion, and happily restrained the strong tendencies of his youth to worldly pleasures. In his fifteenth year, at a watch-night-meeting, held in his native town, on the last night of the year 1800, he was powerfully convicted of sin. The Rev. Christopher Fry, whom he ever afterwards gratefully claimed as his spiritual father, conducted the exercises of this meeting, assisted by the Rev. afterwards Bishop, Enoch George, the Rev. Hamilton Jefferson, and the Rev. Thornton Fleming—names not less precious than familiar to every student of Methodist Church history. It was an occasion of great spiritual power; Christians shouted for joy, penitents were happily converted, and sinners were aroused to a realizing sense of their guilt. The heart of young Carson was pierced by the sharp arrow of divine truth. He cried to God for mercy, but for long weeks and months his agonizing heart found no peace. In April, 1801, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a seeker of religion; and in May of that year, at a prayer-meeting, held in the house of Rev. Jas. Wall, a local preacher of great usefulness, in Winchester, Va., he received the witness of the Spirit to his adoption as a child of God. That year, though not too soon in his case, he was appointed a class-leader. Early in the year 1802 he was licensed an exhorter; and later, in the same year, he was licensed a local preacher—in both instances without his knowledge or consent. The judgment of the Church, thus officially expressed, that he was called of God to preach the gospel, but confirmed the pungent conviction of his own mind on this subject, dating from the very hour of his conversion, but of which he had been studiously silent in all of his intercourse with his brethren. Still he was not willing to obey the divine call. He became very unhappy; his mental sufferings

seriously impaired his health ; and at last, feeling that necessity was laid upon him ; indeed, that a longer refusal to obey the Spirit's call would be a virtual forfeiture of his hope of heaven ; he resolved, with much fear and trembling, to preach as best as he could, the unsearchable riches of Christ. Under his first sermon a soul was converted, and under his second two persons found peace in believing. These first fruits of the abundant harvest of souls safely gathered into the garner of Christ, through his instrumentality, greatly encouraged him to press forward in his great work. In 1803 he assisted Rev. James Quin on Redstone Circuit ; in 1804, by appointment of Rev. Daniel Hitt, Presiding Elder of Alexandria District, of the Baltimore Conference, he assisted the Rev. Henry Smith, preacher in charge of Winchester Circuit ; and in April, 1805, he was admitted into the Baltimore Conference as a traveling preacher on trial. At this time the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States and Canada numbered, of members, white and colored, 119,945 ; of traveling preachers, 433 ; of Conferences, 7 ; of Bishops, 3—viz : Bishops Coke, Asbury, and Whatcoat. The salary of a traveling preacher was \$80 ; all of which he seldom received. The Baltimore Conference embraced the whole of Maryland, except the Eastern Shore ; the whole of West Virginia ; all that part of Virginia lying north of the Rappahannock river, extending to the Tennessee line ; a large part of Pennsylvania ; and the whole of Lower Canada—divided into five Districts, 39 Circuits and Stations, and served by 60 traveling preachers. There were but two Conferences south of Baltimore—viz : The Virginia and South Carolina—embracing the entire area of the Southern States ; and having respectively 53 and 44 members, of whom only one is living to-day—viz : The Rev. Lovick Pierce, D. D., who was admitted into the South Carolina Conference in January of this year, and whose name appears for the first time in the list of appointments, as junior preacher, on Great Pee-Dee Circuit, under the senior charge of the Rev. Thomas Nelson.

These historic facts of Methodism seventy years ago, contrasted with the statistics of to-day, teach lessons which are not inappropriate to this solemn Memorial service, and which should draw from us the grateful exclamation, "What hath God wrought."

From 1805 to 1812 the name of Joseph Carson appears, in consecutive order, in the Minutes of the Baltimore Conference. The session of 1805 was held in Winchester, Va., in the house of Rev. George A. Read, a local preacher, whose genuine hospitality and fervent zeal in the ministry are still gratefully remembered in that place. Bishops Asbury and Whatcoat presided, made all the appointments, and examined all the candidates for the ministry, without the aid of council or committees. The appointment of Bro. Carson was to Wyoming Circuit, under the senior charge of Rev. James Painter, on Susquehanna District, Rev. Anning Owen Presiding Elder. This Circuit embraced all that part of Pennsylvania from the western branch of the Susquehanna river, nearly to the New York State line ; being 400 miles in circumference ; having 32 appointments for preaching in 28 days ; requiring the preacher to cross 8 mountains, and a swamp of 50 miles wide, on each of his monthly rounds ; and abounding in religious controversy and persecution, from

Universalists, Hell Redemptionists, Seventh-day Baptists, Free-will Baptists, Deists, and Atheists. There was not a church on the Circuit. The preaching was in private houses, barns, and groves; nevertheless, 600 souls were added to the Church and a new Circuit was formed that year.

In March, 1806, at the Conference held in Baltimore, Md., he was appointed to Carlisle Circuit, embracing the towns of Carlisle, Chambersburg, Gettysburg, Waynesboro, Shippensburg, Lewisburg, and the adjacent counties of York, Adams, and Cumberland. This was a pleasant and successful year. The Circuit had 32 appointments in 28 days; but the community being comparatively populous and refined, the appointment was considered a very favorable one for a young man *in that day*.

At the next Conference, also held in Baltimore, March, 1807, Bro. Carson was admitted to full membership, and was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Asbury. This year he was placed in charge of Staunton Circuit, embracing the whole of Augusta and parts of Rockingham and Rockbridge counties; and of which he made the round every two weeks preaching as heretofore, 32 times every 28 days. Here, in the beautiful Valley of Virginia, in a strong Presbyterian settlement, he met, for the first and last time, with the most mysterious phenomena in the early religious history of this country. I allude to the jerks, as they were called, which he witnessed in various forms, sometimes amusing, sometimes serious, sometimes appalling. They were witnessed among all classes of the population, and were, to his mind, entirely inexplicable. Before the close of this year the exigencies of the work on Harrisonburg Circuit required his removal to that field, where he made the valuable acquaintance of that sainted man, Dr. Harrison, the honored father of the late Prof. Gessner Harrison, L.L. D., whom he appointed class-leader of the Church in Harrisonburg, an office which he ever afterwards faithfully and usefully filled.

In 1808 he was appointed to Botetourt Circuit, embracing the territory now known in the Baltimore Conference as Roanoke District.

At the Conference held in Harrisonburg March, 1809, he was graduated to Elder's orders; ordained by Bishop McKendree and appointed to Greenbrier Circuit.

In 1810 he was appointed to Lancaster Circuit, embracing the Northern Neck of Virginia. This was one of the fields of his greatest usefulness. He added 400 members to the Church. Bishop Doggett's father was a local preacher on this Circuit, and at his house Bro. Carson preached once each month. The Bishop was born this year; and, when but an infant, was often dandled on the knee of this faithful pastor of the family. The Bishop alluded very touchingly to this fact when, in his eloquent address to the Virginia Conference in Petersburg, November, 1867, he pointed to this venerable man of God and said: "On my left I see the brother who preached in my father's house when I was born, and dandled me on his knee when I was an infant. My first lessons were learned from him. He was my tutor, and his name is embalmed in my memory."

In 1811 he received his last appointment from the Baltimore Conference. He was sent to Hartford Circuit, but early in the year his health, which had been seriously impaired by the labor and exposure of the pre-

vious year, utterly incapacitated him for the duties of his charge. The best medical skill could afford him no relief from the dreadful malady which he had contracted in the malarial atmosphere of Tide-water Virginia. His life was several times despaired of. At the next Conference, held in Leesburg, Va., his shattered health painfully constrained him to locate.

In 1812 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Reid, daughter of the Rev. George A. Reid, of Winchester. Lynchburg was selected as the place of his residence. Here he engaged in secular business, which he prosecuted with his usual industry, making a comfortable living for his family. As a local preacher, he was very useful to the Church in this community, often extending his ministerial labors to the adjacent Circuits, where his services were highly appreciated. But the afflictive hand of God was heavy upon him. His faithful wife died in the midst of life; of the four children she bore him, three bright boys were buried by the grave of their mother; and his own bodily sufferings were often very painful. Indeed, all the years of his location were years of sadness and suffering. And perhaps his greatest affliction was the local relation itself; originally taken for providential reasons, but which was continued because, as a married man, it was not possible at that day, to obtain a support for his family in the itinerant ministry. We ought to be very grateful that the severe bereavements which darkened his home and lacerated his heart, at the same time opened the way for his return to "his loved employ" in the true Apostolic succession of the Methodist itinerancy.

In 1823 we rejoice to find him on Greenville Circuit, traveling under appointment of our sainted father, Bishop, then Rev. John Early, Presiding Elder of Meherrin District.

In March, 1824, at Petersburg, he was received into the Virginia Annual Conference; from which he never separated until the Great Bishop of Souls transferred him to "the glorious company of the Apostles, the goodly fellowship of the Prophets, and the noble army of the Martyrs."

When he joined the Virginia Conference the membership of the Church was 328,523; among whom were 56 Indians, who appear this year for the first time in the General Minutes. There were 1272 traveling preachers, 13 Annual Conferences, 5 Bishops, viz: Bishops McKendree, George, Roberts, Soule, and Hedding. The salary of a traveling preacher was \$100, and \$100 for his wife, provided he was single when he entered the Conference and did not marry under four years in the regular work; for his children of seven years, \$16; and for those of fourteen years, \$24; provided they had no other means of support.

The facts and statistics indicate, to some extent, the rapid growth of Methodism during the nineteen years of his ministry, especially in the numerical increase of its ministry and membership, which was considerably more than two hundred per centum. The Virginia Conference had kept pace with, if it had not gone in advance of, the average prosperity of the Church. It reported this year 79 traveling preachers; 28,098 members of the Church; 46 Circuits and Stations; and 6 Presiding Elders' Districts—viz: James River, Meherrin, Norfolk, Yadkin, Neuse and Roanoke. Among the leading members of the Conference I may

venture to mention the honored names of John Early, Lewis Skidmore, Peter Doub, Caleb Leach, Ethelbert Drake, W. H. Starr, George A. Bain, Thomas Crowder, H. G. Leigh, and Benjamin Devany. Of the whole body the venerable brother last mentioned is the only survivor. He lives to-day (God bless him!) as the only link in the sadly broken chain of the Virginia Conference ministry that connects us with the venerated, and, I might say, illustrious fathers of 1824. May God make us worthy sons of these noble, glorious, immortal sires of our Conference!

In the Virginia Conference Brother Carson received the following appointments: all of which he cheerfully accepted as a loyal son of the Church; and filled with conspicuous ability, fidelity and success—viz: Year 1824, Roanoke Circuit; 1825-6, Richmond; 1827, Norfolk; 1828-9, Roanoke District; 1830-31-32, Neuse District; 1833, Richmond; 1834-35-36, Roanoke District; 1837-38-39-40, Charlottesville District; 1841, Madison Circuit; 1842-3, Petersburg at Plumb-Street and Ettricks; 1844, Manchester Circuit; 1845-6, Petersburg, Colored congregation; 1847, Richmond, Union Station; 1848-9, Culpeper Circuit; 1850, Suffolk Circuit; 1851, Culpeper Circuit.

Twelve of these *twenty-seven* years he was a Presiding Elder. To this responsible and laborious office he was admirably adapted. His mind was clear, logical, powerful; his character was strong, pure, self-sacrificing; his preaching was expository, evangelical, unctuous; his administration was prompt, thorough, decisive; his personal bearing was dignified, genial, confiding; his physique was of medium height, compactly formed and commanding; his voice was thrilling and impressive; his enunciation was distinct and emphatic; his features, though symmetrical, were very strongly marked; and his face, when preaching, and sometimes in private conversation, was bright with the light of heaven; and his eye would flame with celestial fire. His large Districts felt and enjoyed his quarterly visitations. As a vigilant officer his discerning eye was upon every part of the widely-extended field; and no interest of the Church escaped his notice or suffered in his hands. His preaching kindled an extinguishable flame wherever he went. The systematic and distinctive doctrines of Methodism were stated, expounded, and defended, with transparent and convincing logic; the religious life of the Church was quickened, elevated, purified; sinners, by thousands and tens of thousands, were converted through his instrumentality; the Missionary and Educational enterprises of the Church received from him an active co-operation, a liberal support, an eloquent advocacy; the benevolent collections ordered by the Conference were seldom, if ever, reported by him in arrears of the amount required; nor was he indifferent to the literature and architecture of the Church. Methodist books and periodicals were scattered far and wide through the vast area of his travels; and churches and parsonages dot the territory of Virginia and North Carolina Conferences which were projected and built through his instrumentality and influence.

As a pastor, Richmond and Norfolk were the most fruitful fields of his great usefulness. He was stationed in Richmond in 1825 and '26. His Church was located on the corner of Franklin and 19th streets,

where a large tobacco factory now stands. In the Minutes of 1825 the numerical strength of Methodism in Richmond is put down at 200 white members; in the short space of two years he more than doubled the membership. The great revival which occurred under his ministry extended to all the churches in the city. Other denominations shared largely in its precious fruits; and a religious sentiment was generated which was a great and permanent blessing to the whole community. From this date a new era of prosperity and power dawned upon the Church in Richmond; for the next year two churches—viz: Trinity and Shockoe Hill, appear on the Minutes, for the first time, prospering under the eloquent and effective ministry of Revs. G. W. Carlton and Wm. Hammett.

In Norfolk the work of Brother Carson, in the year 1827, was not less glorious in its fruits. About 150 members were added to the Church. Of his ministry in this place the Rev. George W. Langhorne, speaking in his presence at the Conference in Petersburg, November, 1867, said: "It is not customary to eulogize the living, but our eulogies meet not his ear (he was very deaf.) My knowledge of Joseph Carson dates back to the infancy of my religious experience. In 1827 he was sent from Richmond to Norfolk and there won victories to Christ such as have never been equaled in that city. He was regarded as the "Great Heart" in the armies of the Prince of Peace. His name is written in the Journals of history, and shouts have been borne to glory from every place he has visited. More souls have been converted under his ministry than under any other, excepting, perhaps, Bishop Early. He will live as long as the Virginia Conference lives—he will live forever!"

His ministry in Petersburg was always a great blessing to the Church. The Rev. P. A. Peterson, who is with us to-day, an able, useful, honored member of this body, was converted under his ministry in this place. The Rev. Leonidas Rosser, the successful Evangelist of the Conference, though not converted under his ministry, received from him the seed of truth from the fingers of Jesus which gave the whole tendency and energy to his subsequent life. That seed flourishes to-day; and I hope will bear fruit in heaven. And permit me, though the most unworthy of his sons in the gospel, to gratefully claim him as my spiritual father. How many, O how many! precious souls will compose the stars in the crown of his rejoicing forever!

At the session of the Conference held in Alexandria, Virginia, November, 1851, his failing health compelled him, though reluctantly, to take a supernumerary relation; which he retained until November, 1867, when, at the Conference in Petersburg, where, forty years from that date, he had joined that body as an itinerant Methodist preacher, his brethren entered his name on the superannuated list. But this action of the Conference, which was taken, in both instances, through a delicate consideration for his health and comfort in the evening of his long and laborous life, did not abate an iota of his quenchless zeal for the Master. To the full measure of his strength and opportunities he continued to preach until death terminated his mission and fixed the seal of silence on his lips forever. He delighted to assist the preachers

in their protracted and camp-meetings, and had frequent appointments of his own in his neighborhood. Nor did he rest from this glorious work during the dark days of the late war. He often preached to the Confederate soldiers, sometimes twice a day, when he was 78 years old. And when his neighbors were cut off from church privileges, the churches having been destroyed by the Federal armies, an unoccupied house was fitted up with rude seats, where they often assembled to hear from him the "good news" of salvation. And just one year before his death, in one week, he rode forty miles on horseback, and preached three times. Faithfully he held forth the word of life until the flaming torch of gospel truth dropped from his hand in the hour of death.

On the 17th day of January, 1839, he was married to his second wife, Amanda J. Spindle, daughter of Col. Thomas Spindle, of Rappahannock county, Virginia, who died August 16, 1841, leaving but one child—a daughter—whose filial obedience, wealth of tender, ardent affection, sweet and intelligent companionship, and tireless attentions to his wants and wishes, made her a priceless treasure to her father in his extreme age and debility. To his third wife, Jane M. Payne, of Culpeper county, Virginia, he was married on the 21st day of December, 1848; and a kinder, more devoted wife never blessed the heart and home of any man. She still lives, patiently awaiting the glorious hope, by which she is sustained in her affliction.

The home-life of Brother Carson opens to us one of the most attractive views of his character. Here we behold him in his closet five times every day, and at the family altar leading the devotions of the household; here we breathe atmosphere of conjugal and filial love; here we enjoy the most delightful companionship; here we receive a cordial, abundant hospitality—altogether, the very perfection of a pure, happy, unostentatious Christian home.

In the bosom of this sweet, quiet home, in the county of Culpeper Virginia, where he resided about 27 years, he died of pneumonia, on Thursday, the 15th day of April, 1875, in the 91st year of his age; having been a member of the Church 74 years and a minister of the gospel about 73 years. He was ill but a few days prior to his death, and suffered very little, if any, pain. He rested quietly all night, sleeping as sweetly as an infant in its mother's arms. The morning broke over the deep blue mountains, but he awoke not; gentle voices called him, but he heard not; loving arms embraced him, but he responded not. At a little after nine o'clock in the morning he ceased to breathe—he was dead; no, not dead—he sleepeth—sleepeth peacefully in Jesus—who shall awake him to a glorious resurrection in the last day.

"His spirit, with a bound,
Left its encumb'ring clay:
His tent, at sunrise, on the ground
A darkened ruin lay.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

REV. L. J. HANSBERGER.

BY REV. W. H. CHRISTIAN.

We are called upon to mourn the death of another of our old and honored brethren. Rev. L. J. HANSBERGER, breathed his last at the parsonage of his Circuit, at Concord depot, Appomattox county, Va., on the 6th of December, 1874. He was born in Rockingham county, Va., February 27th, 1815, and died in the 60th year of his age.

Bro. HANSBERGER entered the Christian ministry in 1838 and traveled under the Presiding Elder, until March, 1839, when he entered the Baltimore Conference. He was ordained deacon in 1841 by Bishop Waugh. Becoming connected, by marriage, with slavery, his ordination as elder was refused him in 1843. And the church being divided in 1844, he determined, at once, to unite with Southern Methodism. He wrote to Rev. John Early, afterwards Bishop Early, offering himself to the Virginia Conference. His letter, however, never reached its destination, and receiving no reply, he took no further steps immediately to accomplish his object. In 1855, he was ordained elder by Bishop Hedding on condition that he would locate, which he did, and for thirteen years faithfully worked, as a local preacher, in his Master's vineyard. He entered the Virginia Conference in the fall of 1858, and from that time his life was one of unceasing activity in his efforts to do good. He traveled the Lancaster Circuit two years; Sussex Circuit two years; Pittsylvania Circuit three years; Halifax Circuit two years; Cumberland Circuit four years; and Appomattox Circuit three years—where he ceased at once to work and live. Thus has passed away from among us a most useful and exemplary Christian minister.

Bro. HANSBERGER was an excellent preacher. He had large and laborious Circuits. He was a diligent pastor, attending faithfully to all the duties of a Methodist preacher. He had a large family, and many cares, arising from an inadequate support, yet he managed to find time to secure much, and varied information, and to apply it in such a manner that his preaching was with power. He rightly divided the Word of God and gave to each his portion in due season.

He was a devout Christian. He did not permit his public duties to interfere with his private communion with God. He believed in the doctrine of the witness of the Spirit. He exercised himself in prayer, until he could "read his title clear to mansions in the skies."

He was a useful preacher. He labored for immediate results. He was not satisfied unless souls were converted to God through his preaching, and the church was not only edified in his different fields of labor, but its numerical strength was greatly increased where he traveled, and all its material interests were developed. He was a courteous, christian gentleman. His intercourse with his brethren in the ministry, and the

people everywhere, was marked by the greatest affability and the most unexceptional propriety. At one time before the war he was in affluent circumstances, and then he dispensed a most generous hospitality. And he was as unselfish as he was courteous. A noble specimen of a man fell in the death of L. J. HANSBERGER.

But death found him at his post. Most earnestly had he served his people. In fact, it is thought he shortened his days by his abundant labors. He could not be induced to desist until disease laid him upon his bed. Then he was cheerful and resigned. He felt that his work was done, and his reward was sure. His end was most peaceful, and his parishioners crowded to his funeral; and with Masonic ceremonies they laid him away in the quiet grave, over which might be most appropriately inscribed, "Servant of God, well done."

REV. WILLIAM E. MITCHELL.

BY REV. J. D. HANK.

Rev. William E. Mitchell was born in Essex county, Virginia. He was the son of Rev. Richard H. Mitchell, a local preacher of great usefulness, and a brother of Rev. H. P. Mitchell, of this Conference. His father, upon his death bed, requested that Brother Mitchell should receive a liberal education, for which he had previously made provision. But before he left school the war came, and he promptly laid aside his work, joined his companions in the Confederate Army, and fought gallantly in his place beside the bravest and best young men of the day, against what he considered his, and his country's foe, until the close of the struggle. During all those dark, bloody days, he sustained his high character as a christian and a gentleman; having been early converted, he had already formed a character that stood the test of those days of temptation. After the close of the war he entered the Biblical class at Randolph Macon College, and graduated in several studies. In the summer of 1872, immediately after he left the College, he was employed by Brother Cowles, then Presiding Elder of the Lynchburg District, to assist Rev. R. B. Beadles on the Buckingham Circuit. The young recruit proved worthy of such a leader as the venerable and now sainted Cowles. A few days after he entered this field he engaged with Brother Beadles in a series of protracted meetings, which took within their range the whole of that large Circuit, continued without cessation for three months, and resulted in the conversion of two hundred and thirty souls. This was his first campaign. In the fall of the same year (72) he was received on trial by the Conference, appointed to the Berlin Circuit, where

he labored with acceptability and success for one year, and at the Conference of 1873 he was assigned to the Wicomico Circuit, which was his last work. In March, of 1874, he was stricken down with hemorrhage from the lungs. He then returned to his boyhood's home in Essex county, where his last days were blessed by all that loving hearts and hands could do to make him comfortable and happy. He ended his brief career on the 21st day of September 1875, at the residence of his brother, James Mitchell, Esq., of King William county. He died—as he had lived from boyhood—in the faith.

Brother Eddie Mitchell was one of the most amiable young men I ever knew. To know him was to love him. It was never my privilege to hear him preach, but if the character preacher may be inferred from his success, he was a good one; wherever he went he won all hearts, and the conversion of souls followed his ministrations. The sacrifice of this noble young life upon the altar of the Church was like "an alabaster box of very precious ointment" broken at the feet of Jesus. Peace to his ashes.

REV. H. B. COWLES.

BY REV. W. B. ROWZIE.

Rev. HENRY BROWN COWLES was born in the county of Fauquier, Va., November 2, 1803. His parents were strict Methodists, and he was brought up under the influence of christianity. At a camp-meeting August 30, 1818, he gave himself to Christ, was happily converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Stafford county, Va. This remarkable change in his sentiments and feelings was manifest in all his after life. He never revoked the solemn vow which he made in the hour of his conversion; but maintained it through life by a uniform and consistent piety.

In 1830 he left Tennessee, whither he had gone with his parents, and returned to Virginia. The writer of this sketch saw him for the first time at Culpeper Court-house. He was about the medium size. At the first interview he was impressed by his fine person and noble deportment, and formed a high estimate of the excellence of his character. A friendship then commenced which death has not dissolved, and which he trusts will be renewed in eternity.

Brother Cowles returned to Virginia for the purpose of commencing and exercising his ministry for the benefit of the citizens of his native State. He obtained a license to exhort on Culpeper Circuit Nov. 27, 1830, and immediately began to proclaim the gospel of Christ. This step was not taken, however, until after many conflicts and much hesitation. He had repeatedly said, "Send by whom thou wilt send, but

not by me." Nevertheless, his early efforts were a decided success. In February, 1831, he connected himself with the Virginia Conference, then holding its session in Newbern, N. C., and was sent to Amherst Circuit, where he labored with singular success and great acceptability.

He was married to Miss Juliet Irvine, of Bedford county, Va., and found in her a cheerful, prudent, intelligent, affectionate and tender wife, who made his home happy, and assisted in the faithful training of their family.

At the earnest solicitation of the trustees of Randolph Macon College in 1854 he was appointed agent to represent the interests of that institution; and faithfully did he acquit himself in the execution of the important trust committed to his charge. He projected a plan to raise for the institution an endowment of \$100,000, and prosecuted it to a successful issue. But his unparalleled labors in the accomplishment of this grand enterprise impaired his health and laid the foundation of a disease which finally terminated his useful life.

Though laboring under the influence of a broken constitution he refused to abandon for a season of rest his loved employment, and for the remaining years of his life he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, with his accustomed zeal and enthusiasm, until he laid his body down with his charge, "and ceased at once to work and live."

In his last hours he said nothing in reference to his hopes in the future, but, like the immortal Whitfield, having so fully borne his testimony for Christ while living, it was not required in death. He died quietly and peacefully on Saturday, the 28th of November, 1874, at the house of his son-in-law, Judge E. M. Mann, in the city of Petersburg, Va., attended by his devoted wife, and ministered to by her loving hands and those of faithful friends.

Brother Cowles had a strongly marked character. His uprightness and piety were unquestioned and irreproachable. He had a remarkable degree of caution and prudence; but these traits were balanced by sincerity and courage. His talents for business were uncommonly good. He was a keen judge of character, and a skillful manager of men. At protracted and camp-meetings, his eye swept the whole field, watched every point and saw quickly what was to be guarded, and where effective assaults could be made on the kingdom of Satan. Though so cautious he had no coldness about his nature, for fervor in friendship and religion distinguished him above almost all the men whom I have known. He was punctual, industrious, faithful and pains-taking in the discharge of every duty. His preaching was simple, direct, earnest, full of unction and spiritual power.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

D'ARCY PAUL.

BY REV. W. W. DUNCAN.

D'ARCY PAUL was born in the town of Portadown, county of Armagh, Ireland, on the 30th day of January, 1793, and died in the city of Petersburg, Va., on the 13th day of December, 1874.

The necessary brevity of this sketch permits only a partial outline of the life and character of its subject. It is due to the Church that in a different and more permanent form the life of D'Arcy Paul should be given to her future children. So holy and useful a man should live as one of God's example men. As has been well said, "he was one of God's century plants."

The Church cannot afford to forget him.

At the early age of thirteen he formally joined the Wesleyans in Ireland, and after his removal to this country he connected himself with the Methodist Church, of which he was a member about fifty years. Thus, for nearly three quarters of a century he was engaged in the service of the Church.

Among the many excellencies of character, distinguishing in so long and eventful a life, we may note specially *his great purity*.

Pure in his motives, purposes and plans he was blameless and without reproach in a holy life. He was "a man of clean lips." So he seemed to be ever careful of his thoughts, saying with the Psalmist, "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me." "Holiness to the Lord" was the text of every day, and with a holy reserve and unceasing devotion his effort was to be the truth and to do the right. The true secret of his successful life-work, so complete, and so admirable in its completeness, is found in a thorough consecration to God. A pure, holy and great man, because a consecrated man.

Distinguished as *pure*, so he was as *unselfish and generous*.

In his unselfish spirit, in his boundless generosity, he was known unto all the Church. His great sympathies with the distressed and their consequent benefactions, crowned him as saint in the affections of the suffering and needy. He lived for others, and that to make them happier and better, for his benefactions were ever accompanied with choice words of godly counsel endorsed by godly example.

As the friend and helper of the poor, the widow and orphan, the generous supporter of all the interests of the Church, he expended a large fortune. First among his brethren in sustaining the Missionary work, he was also most liberal in his donations to the Bible and Tract Societies, to the Sabbath-school cause, and especially to the educational enterprises of the Church. For years a trustee of Randolph Macon College his history is inseparable from that of the institution he so nobly sustained. At the most critical period of its existence, he was raised up of God to be its saviour, for had it not been for him its doors would have been closed. To this vital interest of the Church he gave his thousands.

Would that the college in this day of its great need could look to such a friend bringing princely gifts.

His own church was not the only recipient of his bounty, but wherever he could help, according to ability, he dispensed his means. There will ever be many to call him blessed. When his native land was suffering the horrors of famine he heard the cry of the starving poor and sent a most generous memorial of his loving thoughtfulness to his perishing countrymen. He considered the poor, and the Lord thought on him and preserved him and kept him alive; the Lord blessed him upon the earth and strengthened him upon the bed of languishing; He made all his bed in sickness, and delivered him in time of trouble. For him to give was but to know there was need.

In all the relationships of life so faithfully did he maintain his Christian integrity, that hardly one could be found not to do him honor. This was most conspicuous in the commercial world. Men of every grade, whatever their estimate in other respects, honored him as an honest man and most honorable; true to all business engagements and righteous in all his dealings.

An incident in his early life will serve to illustrate his integrity as a Christian business man; for in his office at places of exchange he ever left his impress as a Christian.

Before coming to this country he failed in business, and this he settled honorably with his creditors, yet he could not pay the full amount of his indebtedness. After some years of prosperity in his new home, he returned to his native land, and inviting his creditors to dine with him. Each one found under his plate the sum due him, principal and interest.

We do not claim that he was faultless, and yet his very faults leant to virtue's side. His very mistakes carried with them compensations of good.

There was not an honor his brethren could confer on him that they did not bestow, for he filled all places of trust, from the lowest to the highest, within the gift of his Church. For about thirty-five years he was the leader of his church choir, rarely absent from his place, and was present the Sabbath before his death, leading the great congregation in the service of praise. For many years a class-leader, nearly forty years a steward, and his whole life spent in connection with the Sabbath-school, either as teacher, superintendent, or president of the Sunday School Society. In this field so great was his devotion that for many years he supplied his school with all its bibles, catechisms, library books and papers.

For years he was identified with this body, first as a member of the Joint Board of Finance, and afterwards, also a lay delegate; and from this body as its representative he was sent to the General Conference.

Thus was he honored, and as well did he honor his Church in discharging faithfully all her trusts. He was truly "a prince and a great man in our Israel." Among the noblest of his brethren he was almost without a peer. His name has been and will ever be a household word in the Methodist family, while his memory will be ever precious. He needs no words of eulogy from the Virginia Conference to perpetuate his virtues; his life in its living benefactions shall be its own imperishable memorial.

XI.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, AND THE CLASSES—1875-76.

To Examine Candidates for Admission.

William McGee, Chairman ; William G. Williams, Thomas A. Ware, James L. Spencer.

First Year.

COMMITTEE.—Thomas L. Williams, Chairman ; M. S. Colonna, Jacob H. Proctor, Josiah D. Hank.

CLASS.—Samuel A. Steel, Lewis B. Betty, John E. Deshazo, William W. Lear, Paul Bradley.

Second Year.

COMMITTEE.—James O. Moss, Chairman ; D. M. Wallace, James W. Bledsoe, Thomas M. Beckham.

CLASS.—Franklin C. Woodward, William H. Atwell, James H. Dalby, Charles H. Crawley, Benjamin S. Herring, William J. Twilley.

Third Year.

COMMITTEE.—G. C. Vanderslice Chairman ; James M. Anderson, James W. Blincoe, Joseph B. Merritt.

CLASS.—James H. Kabler, William R. Smithey, H. C. Paulett, John H. Patteson, Charles H. Green, H. M. Hope, James H. Maynard, John T. Moore.

Fourth Year.

COMMITTEE.—Robert N. Sledd, Chairman ; W. E. Edwards, W. C. Vaden, E. H. Pritchett.

CLASS.—Thomas H. Campbell, R. J. Moorman, James E. Gates, P. H. Fishburn.

XII.

FINANCIAL PLAN

OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

SECTION I.

OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. The Joint Board of Finance, composed of one Clerical member of the Conference, and one Layman from each Presiding Elder's District, shall meet at each session of the Annual Conference.

II. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop at the close of the Conference session, and shall hold their office until the close of the next ensuing Annual Conference.

III. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board; *provided*, they keep up an equal number of Clerical and Lay members.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Joint Board:

1. To receive the Conference collection and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased clerical members of the Conference; according to their judgment of their several necessities.

2. To estimate the amount that probably will be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphan children of deceased clerical members of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection the ensuing year. This apportionment shall be made upon the basis of ability. In like manner they shall apportion the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

3. They shall receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops, and pay over the same to the Bishop presiding at the Conference, and take his receipt and forward it, or a copy thereof, to the Book Agent.

4. They shall receive and carefully examine the Recording Stewards' reports, and keep an accurate record of the same, and take such action thereon as may be deemed prudent, in order to improve the financial condition of the church, and secure uniformity in the methods, and fidelity in the execution of the duties of Stewards.

5. They shall decide all issues that may exist between the Stewards and Presiding Elder, or any of the preachers, in relation to salaries, and their decision shall be final,* but in no case shall they allow any preacher to have any claim on the church he has served, as of debt, after his pastoral connection with them has ceased.

6. All matters relating to the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this Board, and be carefully considered by them.

*They have no jurisdiction over the assessments of the District Stewards, but as an appellate tribunal for all issues that may exist between the Stewards and the Presiding Elders, or any of the preachers, in relation to salaries.

7. The members of this Board, and especially the Chairman thereof, shall carefully consider the financial interests of the Conference during the year, and shall collect such authentic information in regard to the usual claimants on the Conference funds, as shall facilitate the business of the Board at its annual meetings.

8. They shall make a full report of all their proceedings to the Conference, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report.

SECTION II.

OF THE DISTRICT STEWARDS.

I. The District Stewards [see Discipline, pages 53 and 100] shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. The time and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the Presiding Elder. They shall elect their own chairman and secretary.

II. It shall be the duty of this Board to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

III. They shall apportion this amount and the amounts assessed upon the District for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the several charges of the District, according to their judgment of their relative abilities.

IV. They shall require the Secretary to keep an accurate record of their proceedings.

SECTION III.

OF THE STEWARDS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

I. The Stewards on Circuits and Stations shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Board of District Stewards. The time and place of their meeting shall be fixed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the preceding year, or, in default thereof, by the preacher in charge. They shall elect their own chairman, secretary and treasurer; provided, that the office of secretary and treasurer may be filled by the Recording Steward.

II. It shall be the duty of the Board thus organized :

1. To estimate the salary and traveling expenses of their pastor, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

2. To ascertain from their representative in the District Stewards' meeting (or, if he should be absent, from any other reliable source) the assessment upon their charge for the support of the Presiding Elder.

3. To apportion the aggregate of these amounts to the several societies of their charge, according to their judgment of the equitable portion of each.

4. They shall report their action to the ensuing Quarterly Conference, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Quarterly Conference, it shall be the assessment for that year.

5. They shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, inform their respective societies of the amount assessed upon them.

6. They shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference the collections made in their respective societies, and pay over the same to the parties having claims thereon, *pro rata*, first deducting the necessary traveling expenses.

7. They shall keep the assessments for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund separate, and shall co-operate with the preachers in charge in raising these amounts by public collections in their several congregations, or by private subscriptions and donations.

8. Where there is no parsonage belonging to their charge, they shall take the necessary steps, as early as the fourth quarterly meeting in each year, to secure a comfortable home for their coming pastor; and in estimating his salary, they shall include the amount necessary to pay the rent thereof.*

9. It shall be the especial duty of the chairman of each Board to consider the financial interest of his charge, to visit the different societies thereof, when necessary, to remind them of their scriptural obligations to support the ministry, and to use every effort in his power to promote the financial prosperity of his charge.

10. The Recording Steward shall forward to the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference a full account of the assessments made upon his charge, the amounts received on the assessments, the disbursements of the same, and the deficiencies, if any exist. He shall also forward, annually, a full account of all collections for missions to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, and shall transmit all moneys collected during the year for Missions, Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the Treasurer thereof, by the preacher in charge.

SECTION IV.

OF CHURCH CONFERENCES.

I. A Church Conference shall be held in each society as soon as practicable after adjournment of the first Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five of its most judicious members, to apportion the amount assessed upon the society among the members thereof.

II. This committee shall report their action to the Church Conference at this, or an adjourned meeting of the same, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Church Conference it shall be considered an equitable assessment, and shall be morally binding upon the membership of the society.

III. The Secretary of the Church Conference shall furnish the Steward or Stewards of the Society with a true copy of the assessments, whose duty it shall be to divide them into weekly, or monthly, or quarterly instalments, and collect the same as promptly as possible.

IV. The Stewards may appoint collectors to assist them in this work. They may, also, adopt the envelope system, which, in many places, both on our circuits and stations, has proven a very convenient and efficient auxiliary to the Stewardship.

*Where the parsonage belongs to the Church, the Stewards should fix the fair rental value thereof, and report the same as so much paid on the salary of their Pastor.

V. If a member should fail or refuse to pay his assessment, the Stewards shall endeavor to make up the amount by voluntary contributions; provided, however, that they shall report the facts in the case to the next session of the Church Conference.

VI. The Church Conference may adopt such measures in all cases, as they may deem proper, subject only to the law of the Church.

SECTION V.

OF PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts to present written reports at each session of the Annual Conference, showing:

1. The condition of the finances of their respective Districts.
2. The manner in which the financial plans of the Discipline and of the Conference have been executed.
3. Whether any neglect of duty is chargeable on the ministers or lay-officials.

XIII.

MODE OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

The first or second Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall elect three male members of the church to represent such pastoral charge in the District Conference; and the District Conference shall elect, by ballot, four delegates (one of whom may be a local preacher) to the ensuing Annual Conference; provided, that no member of the Annual Conference shall vote in said election, and that the delegates elected shall be twenty five years of age, and shall have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for six years next preceding their election.

XIV.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote, E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Supernumerary; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, William E.	1850	E	Wakefield, Isle of Wight county, Va.
2. Ames, Benjamin T.*	1858	E Sd	Locustville, Accomac county, Va.
3. Amiss, Joseph H.	1854	E	Onancock, Accomac county, Va.
4. Anderson, James M.	1857	E	Temperanceville, Accomac county, Va.
5. Armistead, Robert A.	1868	E	204 South Third street, Richmond, Va.
6. Atwell, William H.	1874	P	Ballsville, Powhatan county, Va.
7. August, Peter F.	1846	E	Gordonsville, Orange county, Va.
8. Bacon, Herbert T.	1865	E	Williamsburg, Va.
9. Bain, William F.	1851	E	Campbell Courthouse, Va.
10. Bayley, John	1840	E	128 Wythe street, Petersburg, Va.
11. Bayton, Thomas J.	1846	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va.
12. Beadles, Robert B.	1855	E	612 Graham street, Richmond, Va.
13. Beckham, Thomas M.	1863	E	Marengo, Mecklenburg county, Va.
14. Bennett, William W.	1842	E	Richmond City, Va.
15. Betty, Lewis B.	1875	P	Gloucester Courthouse, Va.
16. Bishop, Milton L.	1848	E	Lynch's Station, Campbell county, Va.
17. Blackwell, John D.	1846	E	Lynchburg, Va.
18. Bledsoe, Adam C.	1861	E	2208 Broad street, Richmond, Va.
19. Bledsoe, James W.	1869	E	Danville, Pittsylvania county, Va.
20. Blincoe, James W.	1857	E	Blacks and Whites, Nottoway county, Va.
21. Bogg, Edward N. S.	1860	E	425 Mount street, Baltimore, Md.
22. Boggs, Thomas H.	1855	E	King George Courthouse, Va.
23. Boggs, Francis J.	1846	E	Madison Courthouse, Va.
24. Boggs, Charles H.	1851	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county, Va.
25. Booker, George E.	1859	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county Va.
26. Bowles, Henry C.	1860	E	Meadsville, Halifax county, Va.
27. Bradley, Paul	1875	P	Orange Courthouse, Va.
28. Brannin, James F.	1845	E	Bowensville, Fauquier county, Va.
29. Brown, Alexander G.	1853	E	Petersburg, Va.
30. Butts, Daniel G. C.	1870	E	Heathsville, Northumberland county, Va.
31. Campbell, Thomas H.	1872	E	Amherst Courthouse, Va.
32. Camper, William H.*	1859	E Sy	Orange Courthouse, Va.
33. Carter, William*	1836	E Sd	Boydton, Mecklenburg county, Va.
34. Cheatham, Henry C.	1857	E	723 N. 24th street, Richmond, Va.
35. Christian, Wm. H.	1852	E	Lynchburg, Va.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
36. Clarke, Jos. S. R.	1839	E	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
37. Clarke, John L.	1848	E	Liberty, Bedford county, Va.
38. Colonna, Major S.	1858	E	Cambridge, Dorchester county, Va.
39. Compton, James W.	1860	E	Newsom's Depot, Southampton co., Va.
40. Compton, Robert A.	1862	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Va.
41. Connelly, James W.	1860	E	Philip's Store, Surry county, Va.
42. Crawley, Charles H.	1874	P	Amelia Courthouse, Va.
43. Crider, John W.	1854	E	Martinsville, Henry county, Va.
44. Crocker, William A.	1843	E	Nomini Grove, Westmoreland co., Va.
45. Crooks, Robert N.	1855	E	Harrellsville, Bertie county; N. C.
46. Crown, James H.	1856	E	Portsmouth, Va.
47. Dalby, James H.	1874	P	Taylor's Island, Dorchester county, Md.
48. Daugherty, Bev. W.	1855	E	Pungoteague, Accomac county, Va.
49. Davis, Joseph H.	1836	E	Hague, Westmoreland county, Va.
50. Davis, Fielding A.	1837	E Sd	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
51. Deshazo, John E.	1875	P	Penn's Store, Patrick county, Va.
52. Devany, Benjamin*	1806	E Sd	Jerusalem, Southampton county, Va.
53. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Norfolk City, Va.
54. Doniphan, Alexander	1844	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county, Va.
55. Duncan, James A.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
56. Early, Thomas H.*	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg, Va.
57. Edwards, John E.	1835	E	410 Grace street, Richmond, Va.
58. Edwards, Joseph J.	1850	E	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
59. Edwards, William E.	1862	E	79 Cumberland street, Norfolk, Va.
60. Edwards, Francis M.	1863	E	Farmville, Prince Edward county, Va.
61. Ferguson, Richard	1869	E	Glendale, Henrico county, Va.
62. Fishburn, P. H.	1871	D	Whittle's Depot, Pittsylvania county, Va.
63. Garrett, Joshua L.	1866	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
64. Garland, J. Powell	1858	E	Portsmouth, Va.
65. Garlick, John C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
66. Gary, Hartwell H.	1839	E	Red Hill, Albemarle county, Va.
67. Gates, James E.	1871	E	Scottsville, Albemarle county, Va.
68. Gibbs, Esmond A.	1846	E	Charlotte Courthouse, Va.
69. Granbery, John C.	1848	E	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
70. Green, Charles H.	1873	D	Monquin, King William county, Va.
71. Gregory, Robert A.*	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg, Va.
72. Gregory, Werter H.	1871	E	Berlin (Eastern Shore), Md.
73. Guy, Lewis A.	1872	E	Petersburg, Va.
74. Hall, Alexander M.	1852	E	Chester, Chesterfield county, Va.
75. Hank, Josiah D.	1857	E	Saluda, Middlesex county, Va.
76. Herring, Benj. S.	1874	P	Madisonville, Charlotte county, Va.
77. Hilldrup, John W.	1866	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock county, Va.
78. Hobday, Charles E.	1867	E	Chuckatuck, Nansemond county, Va.
79. Hodges, David F.	1867	E	Pittsylvania Courthouse, Va.
80. Hope, Herbert M.	1873	D	Amherst Courthouse, Va.
81. Howard, John W.	1845	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna county, Va.
82. Hughes, James A.	1869	E	Union Hall, Franklin county, Va.
83. Hunter, Joshua S.	1870	E	Louisa Courthouse, Va.
84. Jamieson, James	1829	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county, Va.
85. Jordan, William P.	1869	E	Edenton, N. C.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
86. Jordan, Edward M.	1869	E	Box 314, Norfolk city, Va.
87. Jones, John N.	1866	E	Franklin, Southampton county, Va.
88. Judkins, William E.	1853	E	Lynchburg, Va.
89. Kabler, John H.	1873	D	Dover Mines, Goochland county.
90. Lafferty, John J.	1857	E Sy	Richmond city, Va.
91. Lambeth, Samuel S.	1857	E	Danville, Va.
92. Langhorne, Geo. W.*	1830	E Sd	Richmond city, Va.
93. Laughon, Wm. A.	1867	E	Holcombe's Rock, Bedford county, Va.
94. Laurens, John B.	1853	E	Atlee's, Hanover county, Va.
95. Lear, Joseph	1834	E	Petersburg, Va.
96. Lear, William W.	1875	P	Spotsylvania Courthouse, Va.
97. Lee, Leroy M.	1828	E	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
98. Littleton, Oscar	1850	E	Gloucester Courthouse, Va.
99. Lumpkin, William G.	1854	E	Petersburg, Va.
100. Lumpkin, James T.	1870	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Va.
101. Lumsden, James D.	1838	E	Margarettsville, N. C.
102. Manning, Jacob	1839	E	Farmville, Prince Edward county, Va.
103. Martin, James C.	1859	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
104. Maynard, James H.	1873	D	Clarksville, Mecklenburg county, Va.
105. McAden, James*	1814	E Sd	South Hill, Mecklenburg county, Va.
106. McClelland, John*	1845	E Sd	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Va.
107. McGee, William	1843	E	
108. McSparran, James E.	1847	E	Concord Depot, Campbell county, Va.
109. Merritt, Joseph B.	1862	E	Stony Creek, Sussex county, Va.
110. Michaels, Robert	1836	E Sd	Amelia Courthouse, Va.
111. Mitchell, Hez. P.	1854	E	Portsmouth, Va.
112. Moore, Lloyd	1852	E	Eastville, Northampton county, Va.
113. Moore, John T.	1873	D	Salisbury, Md.
114. Moorman, Sam'l T.*	1828	E Sd	210 W. Marshall street, Richmond, Va.
115. Moorman, Rich'd J.	1872	D	Culpeper Courthouse, Va.
116. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Holly Dale, Lunenburg county, Va.
117. Meyer, Gotlieb	1875	P	515 St. James street, Richmond Va.
118. Nolley, George W.	1825	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
119. Norfleet, William J.	1840	E Sy	Norfolk city, Va.
120. Paulett, Henry C.	1873	D	Harris' Creek, Amherst county, Va.
121. Patteson, John H.	1873	D	Cambridge, Md.
122. Payne, William E.	1869	E	Stanardsville, Greene county, Va.
123. Peterson, Peter A.	1852	E	513 W. Marshall street, Richmond Va.
124. Peterson, Edward M.	1852	E	159 Charlotte street, Norfolk, Va.
125. Potts, Joseph E.	1853	E Sy	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
126. Pritchett, Edgar H.	1859	E	Liberty, Bedford county, Va.
127. Proctor, Joseph A.	1852	E	Charlottesville, Va.
128. Proctor, Jacob H.	1857	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county, Va.
129. Ray, George H.	1853	E	806 W. Main street, Richmond Va.
130. Reed, Lemuel S.	1849	E	102 Bank street, Norfolk city, Va.
131. Reed, James C.	1868	E	Bellville, Norfolk county, Va.
132. Rhodes, John Q.	1869	E	Moyock, Currituck county, N. C.
133. Riddick, James A.*	1833	E Sy	Stony Creek, Sussex county, Va.
134. Riddick, Joseph H.	1854	E	15 Washington street, Petersburg, Va.
135. Robins, Wilbur F.	1862	E	Berkley, Norfolk county, Va.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
136. Robinson, Wm. A.*	1850	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
137. Rosser, Leonidas	1838	E	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
138. Rowe, John G.	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va.
139. Rowzie, William B.	1829	E	Hicksford, Greensville county, Va.
140. Royall, William W.	1875	P	West Point, King William county, Va.
141. Saunders, John M.	1342	E	Farmville, Prince Edward county, Va.
142. Saunders, Robert M.	1849	E	Norfolk city, Va.
143. Shough, Jacob	1839	E Sd	Patrick Courthouse, Va.
144. Sledd, Robert N.	1857	E	127 Liberty street, Petersburg, Va.
145. Smithey, Wm. R.	1873	D	Charley Hope, Brunswick co., Va.
146. Southall, John D.	1842	E	South Boston, Charlotte county, Va.
147. Spain, William W.	1859	E	Batesville, Albemarle county, Va.
148. Spencer, James L.	1850	E	Hampton, Va.
149. Spiller, Benjamin C.	1848	E	Grafton, York county, Va.
150. Starr, William G.	1865	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
151. Steel, Samuel A.	1875	D P	Richmond city, Va.
152. Taylor, Travis J.	1867	E	New London, Bedford county, Va.
153. Taylor, Walter C.*	1869	E Sd	
154. Tennille, Benj. F.	1867	E	Jackson, Northampton county, Va.
155. Tucker, John W.	1861	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin county, Va.
156. Twilly, William J.	1874	P	Rexburg, Essex county, Va.
157. Twitty, James F.	1871	E	Charlottesville, Va.
158. Vaden, Wesley C.	1861	E	Prospect, Prince Edward county, Va.
159. Vanderslice, Geo. C.	1859	E	Manchester, Va.
160. Waggener, James R.	1849	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland county, Va.
161. Wallace, David M.	1853	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick county, Va.
162. Ware, Thomas A.	1848	E	
163. Watson, J. Carson	1859	E	Hertford, N. C.
164. Watts, Robert W.	1857	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle county, Va.
165. Watts, Charles E.	1866	E	Meherrin Depot, Prince Edward county.
166. Weaver, John T.	1871	E	Charley Hope, Brunswick co., Va.
167. Wertenbaker, C. C.	1868	E	Upper Trappe, Wicomico, Md.
168. White, John W.	1828	E	Montross, Westmoreland county, Va.
169. White, William T.	1859	E	Petersburg, Va.
170. Whitehead, Paul	1853	E	Farmville, Va.
171. Wiles, Alfred	1848	E	Lancaster Courthouse, Va.
172. Wills, Davis P.	1846	E	305 W Main street, Richmond, Va.
173. Williams, Benj. M.*	1858	E Sd	Savoy, Fanin county, Texas.
174. Williams, William G.	1850	E	Matthews Courthouse, Va.
175. Williams, Thomas L.	1853	E	Gatesville, Gates county, N. C.
176. Wilson, Edward P.	1842	E	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
177. Wise, Thomas P.	1863	E Sy	Slatersville, New Kent county, Va.
178. Woodward, Benj. F.	1844	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
179. Woodward, John P.	1853	E	Ford's Depot, Dinwiddie county, Va.
180. Woodward, F. C.	1874	D	Murfreesboro, N. C.
181. Wright, William P.	1867	E	Williamsburg, Va.
182. Wright, George M.	1869	E	111 S. 3rd street, Richmond city, Va.

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II.—LAY DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE SESSION OF 1875.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POST OFFICES.
1. Ames, John W.	Norfolk.	Bellville, Norfolk county, Va.
2. Anderson, Dr. G.	Richmond.	Plain View, King and Queen co., Va.
3. Bailey, Rev. James	Petersburg.	Petersburg, Va.
4. Bain, G. M., Jr.	Norfolk.	Portsmouth, Va.
5. Baker, W. E.	Rand. Macon.	Montross, Westmoreland county, Va.
6. Buckner, Dr. B. M.	Charlottesville.	Villa Green, Hanover county, Va.
7. Brodwater, Dr. J. E.	Eastern Shore.	Temperanceville, Accomac county, Va.
8. Canon, James	Eastern Shore.	Salisbury, Md.
9. Chandler, W. T.	Rand. Macon.	Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va.
10. Cox, Henry	Richmond.	Richmond, Va.
11. Davis, J. W.	Farmville.	Olden Place, Dinwiddie county, Va.
12. Davis, W. T.	Petersburg.	Petersburg, Va.
13. Dickerson, H. D.	Petersburg.	Blacks and Whites, Nottoway co., Va.
14. Garrett, T. W.	Rand. Macon.	King and Queen Courthouse, Va.
15. Guy, Jackson	Charlottesville.	Goochland Courthouse, Va.
16. Hamlin, T. B.	Petersburg.	Church Road, Dinwiddie county, Va.
17. Kelley, A. G.	Eastern Shore.	Drummondtown, Accomac county, Va.
18. Lampkin, Rev. J. J.	Danville.	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county, Va.
19. Lee, Charles C.	Danville.	Shady Grove, Franklin county, Va.
20. McKinney, Rev. S. B.	Norfolk.	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
21. Moulton, Dr. B. H.	Lynchburg.	Davie's Mill, Bedford county, Va.
22. Pace, Green T.	Danville.	Danville, Va.
23. Penn, Green	Danville.	Penn's Store, Patrick county, Va.
24. Perkins, T. B. M.	Charlottesville.	Elmington, Nelson county, Va.
25. Pollard, Richard	Lynchburg.	Lynchburg, Va.
26. Redd, G. W.	Farmville.	Meherrin Depot, Prince Edward co., Va.
27. Rose, Dr. L. J.	Farmville.	Joyceville, Mecklenburg county, Va.
28. Sebrell, J. E.	Murfreesboro.	Farmer's Grove, Southampton co., Va.
29. Shearer, Wm. N.	Lynchburg.	Concord Depot, Campbell county, Va.
30. Staples, Judge S. G.	Danville.	Patrick Courthouse, Va.
31. Travers, Rev. L. D.	Eastern Shore.	Taylor's Island, Md.
32. Turner, Saml. D.	Richmond.	Glen Dale, Henrico county, Va.
33. Walford, T. L. D.	Richmond.	Richmond, Va.
34. Webb, Wm. W.	Farmville.	Lunenburg Courthouse, Va.
35. Whitehead, Thomas	Lynchburg.	Amherst Courthouse, Va.
36. Wilkinson, J. N.	Richmond.	Richmond, Va.

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III.—LOCAL MINISTERS.

** This list comprises all that were reported to the Conference.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
1 Adams, S. F.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
2 Allen, Samuel C.....	Harris' Creek, Amherst county, Va.
3 Ammons, H. M.....	Richmond city, Va.
4 Archer, Allen L.....	Petersburg, Va.
5 Arnold Joseph D.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county, Va.
6 Bagwell, Thomas H.....	Portsmouth, Va.
7 Baily, James.....	Petersburg, Va.
8 Baily, George W.....	Criglersville, Madison county, Va.
9 Baily, Azariah.....	Chatham, Pittsylvania county, Va.
10 Baily, James G.....	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county, Va.
11 Barnes, James H.....	Amelia Courthouse, Va.
12 Barnett, Edward D.....	Cambridge, Md.
13 Beach, William B.....	Hickson's Hill, Franklin county, Va.
14 Best, L. W.....	Petersburg, Va.
15 Berryman, E. T.....	Lake Drummond, Norfolk county, Va.
16 Bingley, Charles V.....	Cambridge, Md.
17 Blackwell, John C.....	Buckingham Courthouse, Va.
18 Blount, David S.....	Mountain Road, Halifax county, Va.
19 Bouldin, R. E.....	Aspinwall, Charlotte county, Va.
20 Brent, William.....	Kilmarnock, Lancaster county, Va.
21 Bristow, James E.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
22 Britton, Elisha R.....	Boykin's Depot, Va.
23 Brock, John P.....	Gordonsville, Va.
24 Buckner, B. M.....	Villa Green, Hanover county, Va.
25 Benton, J. M.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
26 Carey, E. B.....	Berlin, Md.
27 Carter, Abram (colored).....	Palmyra, Fluvanna county, Va.
28 Cavendy, Edward.....	Portsmouth, Va.
29 Chamberlayne, Nelson.....	South Mills, N. C.
30 Chandler, R. M.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
31 Chandler, E. G.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
32 Chrismond, J. P. H.....	Spottsylvania Courthouse, Va.
33 Claiborne, John G.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county, Va.
34 Clark William G.....	Palmyra, Fluvanna county, Va.
35 Cooper, Joshua.....	Bacon's Castle, Surry county, Va.
36 Cottrell, Charles.....	Matoaca, Chesterfield county, Va.
37 Cox, Newton H.....	Windsor, Bertie county, N. C.
38 Crawley, James D.....	Prospect, Prince Edward county, Va.
39 Crostick, James D.....	Petersburg, Va.
40 Creasy, Walter S.....	Mount Airy, Surry county, N. C.
41 Crowder, James A.....	Sunburg, N. C.
42 Crowder, Giles N.....	Hyco, Halifax county, Va.
43 Crute, John V.....	Curdsville, Buckingham county, Va.
44 Dameron, William H.....	Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick county, Va.
45 Darden, James M.....	Richmond city, Va.
46 Dear, Luther.....	Norfolk city, Va.
47 Deberry, J. B.....	Margarettsville, N. C.

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NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
48 De Witt, Elisha.....	Otterville, Bedford county, Va.
49 Doss, William L.....	Penhook, Franklin county, Va.
50 Dunn, Thomas A.....	Trevillian's, Louisa county, Va.
51 Duval, Benjamin R.....	Dispatch Station, New Kent county, Va.
52 Dutcher, Samuel.....	Jarvisburg, Currituck county, N. C.
53 Drumwright, Thomas J.....	Wakefield, Isle of Wight county Va.
54 Elliot, J. W.....	Norwood, Nelson county, Va.
55 Elliot, W. J.....	Locust Mount, Accomac county, Va.
56 Emory, Silas W.....	Barren Creek, Wicomico county, Md.
57 Evans, William E.....	Vanderbilt University. Nashville Tenn.
58 Evans, William.....	Crisfield, Md.
59 Ferebee, Samuel.....	Burgess' Store, Northumberland co., Va.
60 Ferebee, George E.....	London Bridge, Princess Anne co., Va.
61 Finch, L. E.....	Boydton, Mecklenburg county, Va.
62 Finnell, J. F.....	Amissville, Rappahannock county, Va.
63 Fisher, James L.....	Portsmouth, Va.
64 Fleury, Thomas D.....	Norfolk city, Va.
65 Flythe, Jesse.....	Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.
66 Folkes, C. C.....	Wilcox's Wharf, Charles City co., Va.
67 Forbes, John H.....	Mt. Carmel, Halifax county, Va.
68 Fortune, Joel.....	Howardsville, Albemarle county, Va.
69 Foster, Richard, (colored).....	Richmond, Va.
70 Foushee, Nathan B.....	Culpeper Courthouse, Va.
71 Fultz, Joseph.....	Thackston's, Bedford county, Va.
72 Fulton, Thomas.....	Concord Depot, Campbell county, Va.
73 Gee, Walter A.....	South Hill, Mecklenburg county, Va.
74 Gee, John Q.....	Forksville, Mecklenburg county, Va.
75 Gordon, William H.....	Ballsville, Powhatan county, Va.
76 Gosee, F. A.....	Petersburg, Va.
77 Grant, William.....	Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.
78 Gregory, D. C.....	Swansonville, Pittsylvania county, Va.
79 Hall, B. J.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county, Va.
80 Halstead, Adams.....	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
81 Halstead, Hardy H.....	Knott's Island, Currituck county, N. C.
82 Hamill, H. P.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
83 Harrison, James E.....	Petersburg Va.
84 Harrison, John.....	North Landing, Princess Anne co., Va.
85 Harrison, Z. E.....	Gordonsville, Orange county, Va.
86 Hawkes, E. A.....	Bellfonte, Nottoway county, Va.
87 Hayes, Thomas W.....	Winston, N. C.
88 Hebard, Edward.....	Pungoteague, Accomac county, Va.
89 Herndon, John A.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county, Va.
90 Holt, James A.....	Heathsville Northumberland county, Va.
91 Homan, G. O.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
92 Howard, Pleasant.....	Seven Islands, Fluvanna county, Va.
93 Hoyle, Thomas L.....	Madison Courthouse, Va.
94 Humphreys, J. E.....	Bell Haven, Accomac county, Va.
95 Jarvis, Bannister H.....	Jarvisburg, Currituck county, N. C.
96 Jefferson, John A.....	Petersburg, Va.
97 Jett, Starke ..	Burgess' Store, Northumberland co., Va.
98 Jones, A. G.....	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county, Va.
99 Jones, James.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county, Va.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
100 Jones, Jno. W. F.....	Mt Pleasant, Spottsylvania county, Va.
101 Jordan, James P.....	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Va.
102 Jordan, Costen.....	Sunburg, Gates county, N. C.
103 Keiley, John D.....	Petersburg, Va.
104 Kennedy, W. W.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
105 Lampkin, James J.....	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county, Va.
106 Lawrence, John O.....	Portsmouth, Va.
107 Leary, Joseph.....	Coleraine, Bertie county, N. C.
108 Lecato, L. K.....	Locustville Accomac county, Va.
109 Lee, R. A.....	Leesville, Campbell county Va.
110 Lipscomb Bernard F.....	Richmond city, Va.
111 Long, W. H. C.....	Kilmarnock, Lancaster county, Va.
112 Martin, J. T.....	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
113 McGilvray, W. B.....	Richmond city, Va.
114 McDonald, James.....	Rexburg, Essex county, Va.
115 McKinney, Samuel B.....	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
116 Miller, James.....	Kilmarnock, Lancaster county, Va.
117 Moody, Woodson.....	Harmony Grove, Middlesex county, Va.
118 Moorman, John I.....	Castle Craig, Campbell county, Va.
119 Morgan, Seth.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
120 Mullen, Robert H.....	Gum Spring, Louisa county, Va.
121 Mullen, Samuel H.....	Holcombe's Rock, Bedford county, Va.
122 Napiér, William H.....	Central Plains, Fluvanna county, Va.
123 Newsom, Thomas M.....	Henry, Sussex county, Va.
124 Oldham, Montcalm.....	Temperanceville, Accomac county, Va.
125 Oneel, Isaac.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
126 Owens, Benjamin H.....	Portsmouth, Va.
127 Parham, G. W. S.....	Poplar Mount, Greensville county, Va.
128 Parrish, John W.....	Oronoco, Amherst county, Va.
129 Parris, Thomas.....	Dupree's Store, Charlotte county, Va.
130 Peace, Willis H.....	Jonesboro, Brunswick county, Va.
131 Peatross, Robert S.....	Hanover Courthouse, Va.
132 Petherbridge, Charles W.....	Richmond city, Va.
133 Pitts, John R.....	Berlin, Md.
134 Pitts, Robert.....	Berlin, Md.
135 Pryor, Hartwell T.....	Big Island, Bedford county, Va.
136 Purcell, John M.....	Fruit Plain, Northumberland co., Va.
137 Ramsey, Isaiah.....	Burgess' Store, Pittsylvania county, Va.
138 Rawlings, Nicholas.....	Gholsonville, Brunswick county, Va.
139 Richards, O. P.....	Peola Mills, Madison county, Va.
140 Richardson, W. P.....	Wilson's Landing, Charles City co., Va.
141 Rives, George.....	Newsom's, Southampton county, Va.
142 Robinson, E. C.....	Beaver Pond, Amelia county Va.
143 Ross, Charles R.....	Charlottesville, Va.
144 Rowlett, James D.....	Chester, Chesterfield county, Va.
145 Rowlett, Thomas W.....	Chula Depot, Amelia county, Va.
146 Royall, T. A.....	Jennings' Ordinary, Pr. Edward co., Va.
147 Russell, John L.....	Newsom's Depot, Southampton co., Va.
148 Sale, Augustus W.....	Richmond city, Va.
149 Sanford, Robert J.....	Kinsale. Westmoreland county, Va.
150 Shroaff, Charles M.....	Madison Courthouse, Va.
151 Shackford, John W.....	Walkerton, King and Queen county, Va.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
152 Shepherd, Abram	Carter's Bridge, Albemarle county, Va.
153 Simcoe, Summerfield	Barhamsville, New Kent county, Va.
154 Simpson, T. M.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
155 Smith, James	Heathsville Northumberland county, Va.
156 Smith, Joseph	Belvidere, Perquimans county, N. C.
157 Spiers, J. A.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
158 Spiers, Jesse B.	Ream's, Dinwiddie county, Va.
159 Stables, Alfred	Jeffrey's Store, Nottoway county, Va.
160 Stevens, Richard H.	Verdierville, Va.
161 Stewart, James	Stewartsville, Bedford county, Va.
162 Stone, T. A.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
163 Strawhand, James E.	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
164 Stroud, Thomas B.	Petersburg, Va.
165 Strother, F. M.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
166 Sturges, Joseph R.	Heathsville, Northumberland co., Va.
167 Syncoe, John W.	Petersburg, Va.
168 Taylor, Charles R.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
169 Thomas, George E.	Port Haywood, Matthews county, Va.
170 Thomas, Allen J.	Point Eastern, Caroline county, Va.
171 Thrift, Schuyler L.	Norfolk city, Va.
172 Tompkins, William A.	Palmyra, Fluvanna county, Va.
173 Travers, Levi D.	Taylor's Island, Dorchester county, Md.
174 Trimyer, George W.	Richmond city, Va.
175 Traynham, D. J.	Harmony, Halifax county, Va.
176 Vaden, Michael	Winterpock, Chesterfield county, Va.
177 Vandiver, E. G.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
178 Warwick, B. P.	Petersburg, Va.
179 Way, Lawrence F.	Lynchburg, Va.
180 West, J. T.	Lake Drummond, Norfolk county, Va.
181 Whitehead, Willis	Belvidere, Perquimans county, N. C.
182 White, John F.	Grafton, York county, Va.
183 Windell, T. N.	Manchester, Va.
184 Wolff, W. E.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
185 Wolff, W. H.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
186 Wray, George W.	Ashland, Hanover county, Va.
187 Yarrell, J. W.	Margarettsville, Northampton co., N. C.
188 Younger, R. H.	Cascade, Pittsylvania county, Va.

XV.

APPENDIX.

I.—STATISTICS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

FROM 1845 TO 1875, INCLUSIVE.

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total Ministers and Members.	Missionary Collection.	Conference Collection.
1845.....	103	No rep	26,426	4,949	31,375	\$ 4,300	\$ 851
1846.....	104	166	26,868	5,192	32,226	3,403	2,322
1847.....	101	165	28,292	5,691	34,148	4,432	2,256
1848.....	117	182	29,565	5,913	35,660	6,750	2,449
1849.....	117	184	30,938	5,891	37,013	8,151	2,688
1850.....	124	189	31,166	6,312	37,668	8,536	3,280
1851.....	132	179	32,705	6,597	39,481	8,500	3,588
1852.....	139	190	32,803	6,597	39,590	7,344	4,214
1853.....	149	193	32,732	6,250	39,175	13,604	6,561
1854.....	154	195	32,949	6,294	39,438	13,438	5,250
1855.....	156	186	33,461	6,587	40,254	12,503	5,889
1856.....	154	205	34,502	6,483	41,190	17,234	6,619
1857.....	168	185	34,743	5,634	40,562	17,500	6,510
1858.....	178	198	37,978	7,011	45,195	21,444	7,316
1859.....	185	216	40,376	7,753	48,345	21,882	7,903
1860.....	198	174	40,159	7,567	47,900	20,338	8,033
1861.....	189	198	38,300	6,880	45,378	.....	6,024
1862.....	189	183	37,950	6,394	45,067	.....	15,714
1863.....	196	138	28,360	3,173	31,671	54,592	24,122
1864.....	183	118	30,594	2,477	33,189	61,081	34,350
1865.....	186	150	33,370	1,683	35,203	2,903	2,526
1866.....	189	171	34,843	1,212	36,226	3,402	3,338
1867.....	166	154	36,006	1,021	37,181	4,137	3,520
1868.....	172	147	35,903	897	36,994	3,106	3,353
1869.....	164	153	38,897	815	39,865	4,731	4,018
1870.....	165	150	39,425	937	40,512	4,742	3,813
1871.....	171	162	41,555	525	42,613	5,537	4,825
1872.....	169	174	43,297	599	44,234	7,173	5,321
1873.....	171	181	44,609	601	45,562	7,571	5,046
1874.....	175	180	46,431	359	47,145	8,683	5,802
1875.....	182	189	48,082	213	48,665	11,395	6,072

II.—METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH—STATISTICS FOR 1874.

CONFERENCES.	Traveling Preachers.	Sup'ted Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members	Indian Members.	Total Pre'chrs and Members	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sunday Schools.	Sup'd'y Scho'l Teachers.	Sund'y Sch'ol Scholars.	Collection for Conference Claimants.	Collection for Missions.
1. Baltimore.....	177	10	105	24,132	76	.....	24,500	1270	1130	377	3436	20,179	\$1400 00	\$5440 50
2. Virginia.....	163	14	180	46,431	359	.....	47,147	1139	2330	567	5984	31,991	5801 74	8677 62
3. Western Virginia.....	58	1	104	12,088	13	.....	12,264	392	771	176	1235	7,098	520 94	782 83
4. Holston.....	151	6	302	37,292	131	150	38,032	1376	2207	413	2581	19,336	1310 85	4240 61
5. North Carolina.....	147	14	223	49,703	339	.....	50,426	1631	2723	586	3395	24,864	4700 26	4988 75
6. South Carolina.....	149	12	129	38,954	419	.....	39,663	1775	1697	447	2753	17,864	5415 30	5167 48
7. North Georgia.....	168	19	406	50,956	134	.....	51,683	1251	3302	538	3524	25,109	5540 68	7994 78
8. South Georgia.....	111	20	214	27,502	.....	.....	27,847	912	1876	290	1819	12,326	4521 05	7717 34
9. Florida.....	50	9	88	8,230	9	.....	8,395	541	515	99	526	3,115	863 00	1074 07
10. Alabama.....	119	13	194	27,784	73	.....	28,183	1055	1509	333	2192	13,223	3851 43	4468 94
11. North Alabama.....	114	7	344	31,301	61	.....	31,827	759	2406	340	1724	13,917	1021 70	2368 25
12. Louisiana.....	69	6	90	12,362	94	.....	12,621	845	835	103	740	4,348	1711 20	2657 90
13. Mississippi.....	115	14	162	20,589	28	.....	20,908	884	986	180	1087	6,583	1950 00	1940 00
14. North Mississippi.....	123	9	200	27,426	.....	.....	27,758	1176	2307	212	1184	8,509	2263 35	2542 40
15. Memphis.....	121	9	232	32,264	7	.....	32,683	930	2917	294	2127	15,104	1789 25	3089 50
16. Tennessee.....	185	6	342	41,004	10	.....	41,547	942	3284	367	2475	18,888	2421 65	7283 58
17. Kentucky.....	96	10	131	20,342	81	.....	20,660	410	1364	184	1273	8,329	1583 97	4075 62
18. Louisville.....	117	8	192	29,610	37	.....	29,964	854	2338	207	1374	10,813	2087 55	4802 80
19. St. Louis.....	51	6	106	9,592	11	.....	9,766	452	596	96	620	5,080	1522 44	1695 71
20. Southwest Missouri.....	76	6	107	14,052	12	.....	14,253	282	746	99	645	4,965	1341 00	1965 23
21. Missouri.....	125	6	137	24,435	.....	.....	24,703	516	1868	229	1859	12,299	2140 60	5084 38
22. Western.....	23	.....	24	2,671	2	.....	2,720	63	152	36	225	1,644	126 40	130 65
23. Denver.....	20	1	9	636	.....	.....	666	32	150	11	53	402	24 60	218 27
24. Indian Mission.....	18	3	69	397	360	4347	5,194	409	434	33	103	778	.....	244 56
25. Arkansas.....	49	2	146	11,952	21	.....	12,170	515	1241	106	616	4,202	245 35	830 65
26. White River.....	72	1	118	11,730	5	.....	11,926	645	1919	129	733	4,924	725 00	935 05
27. Little Rock.....	68	6	163	15,628	7	.....	15,872	161	1278	190	1010	6,870	1293 76	764 00
28. North Texas.....	75	11	188	18,229	.....	.....	18,503	715	1860	119	665	6,085	1335 00	1924 96
29. East Texas.....	46	2	106	10,970	101	.....	11,225	667	1526	59	349	2,578	830 33	962 25
30. Texas.....	48	11	76	6,721	250	.....	7,106	526	259	45	428	2,897	701 90	2131 60
31. Northwest Texas.....	104	4	180	15,382	.....	.....	15,670	968	1698	114	707	4,980	1147 40	1806 09
32. West Texas.....	43	6	62	4,520	12	.....	4,643	344	439	48	297	1,768	516 30	1184 15
33. German Mission.....	18	1	11	910	.....	.....	940	131	1	22	133	837	73 80	977 75
34. Los Angeles.....	21	1	13	788	3	.....	826	52	31	14	72	458	75 95	321 30
35. Pacific.....	54	5	56	3,354	8	.....	3,477	177	198	50	310	2,339	545 45	972 85
36. Columbia.....	18	1	21	979	.....	.....	1,019	22	54	8	40	352	.....	105 25
37. Illinois.....	54	1	71	5,753	.....	.....	5,879	83	407	82	531	3,581	185 00	385 43
China Mission.....	.....	.....	5	86	.....	.....	91	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	3224	261	5356	696,764	2663	4497	712,765	24,909	49,358	7204	48,825	328,634	\$64,294 20	101,953 46

2.—COMPARATIVE PROGRESS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Superant'd Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total Min- isters and Members.
1845	1,384	90	2,550	330,710	124,811	2,978	462,423
1846	1,433	86	2,833	327,284	124,961	2,972	459,567
1847	1,403	97	3,143	334,859	127,249	3,445	470,194
1848	1,476	108	3,023	345,258	138,153	3,375	496,396
1849	1,538	104	3,893	366,582	136,722	3,226	510,069
1850	1,582	118	3,955	375,520	135,594	3,487	520,256
1851	1,659	126	3,044	387,950	138,113	3,327	534,223
1852	1,741	124	4,455	392,856	146,949	3,044	549,171
1853	1,803	142	4,328	415,291	154,264	3,691	579,525
1854	1,942	150	4,359	428,511	164,584	3,757	603,303
1855	2,078	157	4,628	447,372	170,150	3,613	627,992
1856	2,171	163	4,660	460,160	173,067	3,486	643,708
1857	2,267	167	4,907	469,661	177,919	3,856	655,777
1858	2,414	163	4,984	499,694	188,141	2,874	699,169
1859	2,494	167	5,177	511,601	197,348	4,236	721,023
1860	2,615	169	5,353	537,136	207,766	4,160	757,205
1866	2,314	171	3,769	419,404	78,742	701	505,101
1867	2,389	192	3,952	472,484	54,172	1,851	535,040
1868	2,495	179	4,413	503,596	32,085	2,301	545,069
1869	2,646	187	4,753	540,820	19,686	3,149	571,241
1870	2,725	187	4,714	561,577	13,263	3,952	586,418
1871	2,858	199	4,944	600,909	7,841	4,433	621,184
1872	3,013	219	5,134	637,526	3,557	4,710	654,159
1873	3,134	237	5,344	659,677	3,429	4,779	676,600
1874	3,224	261	5,356	696,764	2,663	4,497	712,765

3. *Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

Robert Paine.....	Residence, Aberdeen, Mississippi.
George F. Pierce.....	" Sparta, Georgia.
Hubbard H. Kavanaugh	" Louisville, Kentucky.
William M. Wightman.....	" Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin.....	" St. Louis, Missouri.
David S. Doggett.....	" Richmond, Virginia.
Holland N. McTyeire.....	" Nashville, Tennessee.
John C. Keener.....	" New Orleans, La.

4. *General Conference Officers.*

GENERAL BOOK AGENT—Rev. A. H. Redford.

GENERAL BOOK EDITOR—Rev. Thomas O. Summers.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY—Rev. W. G. E. Cunnyingham.

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III.—METHODISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

I.—EPISCOPAL METHODISTS—

	Itinerant Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members.
Methodist Episcopal.....	10,923.....	12,881.....	1,580,559
Methodist Episcopal, South.....	3,485.....	5,356.....	712,765
Colored Methodist Episcopal.....	635.....	683.....	80,000
African Methodist Episcopal.....	600.....	1,450.....	200,000
African Methodist Episcopal Zion.....	1,200.....	800.....	225,000
Evangelical Association.....	835.....	503.....	95,253
United Brethren.....	967.....	1,709.....	131,850
Total Episcopal Methodists.....	18,645	23,382	3,025,427

II.—NON-EPISCOPAL METHODISTS—

The "Methodist Church".....	775.....	507.....	55,183
Methodist Protestant.....	650.....	200.....	54,319
American Wesleyan.....	250.....	190.....	20,000
Free Methodists.....	90.....	80.....	6,000
Primitive Methodists.....	20.....	25.....	2,800
Congregational and other Indep't Methodists..	23.....	.....	9,500
Total Non-Episcopal Methodists.....	1,808	1,002	147,802
Total Methodists in United States.....	20,453	24,384	3,173,229

IV.—METHODISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

	Itinerant Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members.
Methodists in the United States.....	20,453.....	24,384.....	3,173,229
British Wesleyan Methodists.....	2,589.....	13,720.....	467,583
Irish Wesleyan Methodists.....	185.....	800.....	21,273
French Wesleyan Methodists.....	27.....	96.....	2,030
Australian Wesleyan Methodists.....	362.....	750.....	67,912
British Primitive Methodists.....	1,020.....	14,838.....	169,660
Methodist New Connection Church.....	158.....	125.....	25,837
United Methodist Free Churches.....	354.....	3,428.....	74,702
Bible Christian Churches.....	274.....	1,747.....	26,878
British Wesleyan Reform Union.....	538.....	104.....	8,093
Methodist Church of Canada.....	1,004.....	1,027.....	102,887
Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.....	247.....	201.....	23,012
Other Methodists not included above.....	380.....	420.....	26,000
Grand Total	27,591	61,474	4,189,105

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